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*Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) is a solely human pathogen that causes gonorrhea. This study examines how Opas, which are surface factors expressed by GC that undergo antigenic and phase variation can affect transmigration across epithelium. Opas are encoded by 11 different genes. A gonococcal variant that lacked all *opa* genes was constructed to help elucidate the role of Opa in pathogenesis. This variant retained most physical characteristics of the parent strain including growth rate and LOS profile but proved to produce a different interaction with other GC by being unable to bind LOS of adjacent GC and form microcolonies. Lack of Opa expression increased the ability of GC to transmigrate across polarized colonic epithelial cells T84. When the *opa* deletion variant was not expressing pili, bacteria were observed entering and crossing the polarized epithelia as early as four hours after infection. GC were observed at the bottom of the polarized epithelial monolayer demonstrated by confocal microscopy. While GC transmigrate across the monolayer, they do not appear to disrupt the integrity of tight junction proteins. Transepithelial

resistance did not show a significant change and there was no leakage of FITC or HRP. Inhibitors of acid sphingomyelin and F-actin did not cause a redistribution of ZO-1 and did not increase the transmigration of GC. Only in the presence of EGTA, a calcium chelator, were Opa-expressing GC observed crossing the monolayer through visible disruption of the tight junctions. Induction of TNF- $\alpha$  by T84 cells was increase when infected with GC but not the production of IL-8. This study indicates that the lack of expression of Opa and pili leads to an increase in invasion into subepithelial tissues.

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## Dedication

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## List of Abbreviations

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| 3-Deoxy-D- <i>manno</i> -oct-2-ulosonic acid            | KDO    |
| acid sphingomyelinase                                   | ASM    |
| asialoglycoprotein receptor                             | ASGP-R |
| carcinoembryonic antigen related cell adhesion molecule | CEACAM |
| Chinese hamster ovary cells                             | CHO    |
| coding repeat   | CR     |
| diacylglycerol  | DAG    |
| disseminated gonococcal infection                       | DGI    |
| enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay                       | ELISA  |
| epidermal growth factor receptor                        | EGFR   |
| ethylene glycol tetraacetic acid                        | EGTA   |
| extracellular signal related kinase                     | ERK    |
| fluorescein isothiocyanate                              | FITC   |
| glycosylphosphatidylinositol                            | GPI    |
| gonococcal media base                                   | GCK    |
| heparin sulfate proteoglycan                            | HSPG   |

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| horseradish peroxidase                         | HRP               |
| hypervariable region                           | HV                |
| immunoreceptor tyrosine-based activation motif | ITAM              |
| interleukin                                    | IL                |
| junctional adhesion molecules                  | JAMs              |
| lacto-N-neotetraose                            | LNT               |
| Lipooligosaccharide                            | LOS               |
| membrane associated guanylate inverted         | MAGI              |
| monocyte chemoattractant protein-1             | MCP-1             |
| multiplicity of infection                      | MOI               |
| <i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i> , gonococci       | GC                |
| <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>                  | MC                |
| nuclear factor-kappa $\beta$                   | NF- $\kappa\beta$ |
| opacity associated proteins                    | Opa               |
| open reading frame                             | ORF               |
| pelvic inflammatory disease                    | PID               |
| phosphatidylinositide 3-kinase                 | PI <sub>3</sub> K |

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| phosphatidylinositol (3,4,5)-triphosphate                 | PIP <sub>3</sub>  |
| phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate                     | PIP <sub>2</sub>  |
| phosphocholine-phospholipase C                            | PC-PLC            |
| phospholipase-gamma                                       | PLC <sub>γ</sub>  |
| polymerase chain reaction                                 | PCR               |
| protein kinase C  | PKC               |
| semi variable region                                      | SV                |
| sexually transmitted disease                              | STD               |
| sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis | SDS-PAGE          |
| spectinomycin resistance                                  | spec <sup>R</sup> |
| tight junctions   | TJ                |
| transepithelial resistance                                | TEER              |
| transforming growth factor beta                           | TGF-β1            |
| Tris-borate-EDTA  | TBE               |
| tumor necrosis factor alpha                               | TNF-α             |
| zonula occludens  | ZO                |

## Chapter 1: Introduction

### 1.1 Background

The *Neisseria* is a genus of gram-negative diplococci that is biochemically oxidase and catalase positive. Two species are typically associated with disease, *N. meningitidis* (MC) and *N. gonorrhoeae* (GC). MC is an opportunistic pathogen while GC is an obligate human pathogen. GC typically colonizes the urethral tract in men while in women it can also colonize the various tissues of the female reproductive tract. In men, gonorrhea is usually symptomatic, but in women, disseminated infections are more common since the disease can go untreated due to its asymptomatic characteristics. As a result, this can lead to sequelae like endocarditis, perihepatitis and joint damage (Kerle et al., 1992). Other problems linked to gonorrhea include the emergence of strains resistant to antibiotics such as penicillin, tetracycline, quinolones and cephalosporins (Ison et al., 1998; Tanaka, M, 2012; Bolan et al., 2012) as well as the increase incidence in HIV infections (Fleming and Wasserheit, 1999). The highest incidence of disease is seen among young women between the ages 15-19 and men ages 20-24 (Moran, 2005).

There is an estimated 62 million new cases of gonorrhea worldwide each year with an average of 22 million cases at any given time. Gonorrhea is the second most reported bacterial disease in the USA with 336,742 cases according to the CDC 2008 STD Surveillance. Infections with *N. gonorrhoeae* are a major source of PID cases and an estimated 10% of women with gonococcal infection develop PID (Holmes et al., 1980; Eschenbach et al., 1975).



In men, GC normally causes symptomatic urethritis, but a small percentage of patients will develop asymptomatic disease. *N. gonorrhoeae* binds to the urethral epithelia asialoglycoprotein receptor through the lactose terminus found on lacto-N-neotetraose (LNT) LOS and this interaction leads to a cytokine release TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-6 and IL-8 causing an inflammatory response (Ramsey et al., 1995; Harvey et al 2002). There is an incubation period of about 40 hours in which GC cannot be recovered from male patients (Schneider et al., 1995). A purulent discharge is present due to an influx of neutrophils. Challenge studies show that men infected with Opa- GC shift to Opa+ phenotype (Schneider et al., 1995). This suggests the importance of Opas in urethritis in men. Opas are involved in the interaction with neutrophils by binding CEACAMs 1, 3 and 6. This interaction can also lead to the oxidative burst of PMN which is elicited by CEACAM3 (Gray-Owen et al., 1997; Nagel et al., 1993) and recently it has been shown that CEACAM1 and CEACAM6 potentiate this response (Sarantis & Gray-Owen, 2012). LOS sialylation has been suggested to decrease the infectivity of GC (Schneider et al., 1996) but it might increase the survival rate of GC inside neutrophils (McLaughlin et al., 2012).

In women, GC causes infection of the upper and the lower genital tract and asymptomatic disease is present in about 50 to 80% of infected women. About 45% of women with lower tract infection will develop PID. Piliated and non-piliated GC attaches to non-ciliated cells of the fallopian tubes, but the most damage is seen by the sloughing of ciliated cells (Stephens et al., 1982).

## 1.2 Antigenic determinants

The major antigenic determinants of *N. gonorrhoeae* undergo antigenic or phase variation and they are LOS, Porin, Pili and Opa.

LOS is a major glycolipid in the cell wall of *Neisseria* species. LOS is involved in the invasion of genital epithelia as well as resistance to the immune response. LOS is composed of lipid A attached to two 2-keto-3-deoxy-mannooctulosonic acid and two heptose residues linked to the first KDO residue (Yamasaki et al., 1991). The heptose residues are linked to the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  oligosaccharide chains (Preston et al., 1996). The LOS structure can differ among strains but can also shift during infection in one strain depending on the environment (Schneider et al., 1991; Burch et al., 1997). Men challenged with GC strain MS11mk variant A, which has an alpha-chain lactosyl group, shed bacteria that had shift to variant C, which has higher molecular weight paraglobosyl LOS (John et al., 1999). Variant C GC were only isolated after the presence of urethral discharge (Schneider et al., 1995; Schneider et al., 1996; John et al., 1999). MS11 mk variant C bacteria were also found in men that had acquired gonorrhea naturally and variant A is the precursor of LOS structures associated with virulence (Schneider et al., 1991; Kerwood et al., 1992). LOS phase variation can result in expression of LOS structures that are identical to human glycolipids. The terminal LNT of GC is identical to the terminal tetrasaccharide of paragloboside, a glycosphingolipid in human blood (Mandrell et al., 1988). GC expressing this structure can bind human sperm by binding the asialoglycoprotein receptor (ASGP-R) and also can induced the entry of GC into infected urethral epithelial cells (Harvey et al., 2000 and 2001). In addition, LOS expressing LNT promote invasion of GC into cervical epithelia in the absence of Opa

expression (Song et al., 2000). Sialylation provides GC with an important step in invasion of mucosal cells and evasion of complement killing (van Putten 1993; Apicella et al., 1990; Wetzler et al., 1992). Some strains of GC are capable of binding galectin-3 which is a lectin expressed in fallopian tubes and other genital epithelia (John et al., 2002). The lipid A portion of LOS has been implicated in inactivation of the alternative pathway of complement. LOS serves as the acceptor of CR3 express by cervical epithelial cells which leads to the conversion to iC3b and subsequent invasion into cervical cells with the interaction of pili and porin (Edwards et al., 2002).

Porins are integral outer membrane proteins and comprise 66% of neisserial outer membranes (Johnston and Gotschlich, 1974). Each porin is composed of 3 polypeptides, each forming  $\beta$ -pleated sheets and the trimeric structure of porins (van der Ley et al., 1991; Derrick et al., 1999). Porins serve as pores on the bacterial outer membrane that allow the exchange of ions between the bacteria and their environment (Young et al., 1983). Porins in GC are located in two different loci *porA* and *porB*; the latter one having two alleles: *PorB1A* and *PorB1B* of about 35KDa each (Gotschlich et al., 1987). The *porA* gene is expressed in MC but not in GC, suggesting that it did not serve a purpose in the colonization of the urogenital tract (Feavers and Maiden, 1998). The *por* gene has a heptameric repetitive sequence (CTGTTTT) following the termination codon (Gotschlich et al., 1987; Butt et al., 1990). Por1B has been shown to cause oxidative burst of neutrophils while inhibiting other PMN functions such as actin polymerization and phagocytosis (Bjerknes et al., 1995; Lorenzen et al., 2000). Also, a population of GC expressing the *PorB1B* allele can resist cellular proteolytic activity (Weel et al., 1991).

Ayala et al (2002, 2005) suggested how PorB1B and pili of GC induce calcium release. Porin stimulates a  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  response after 2 minutes of infection and this response in turn stimulates a pilus-induced release of  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  from intracellular storage after 10 minutes. Calcium stimulation leads to endosome and lysosome exocytosis translocating LAMP-1 protein to the cell membrane where it can be cleaved by the GC IgA protease. Müller et al (1999) reported that calcium influx after infection with GC causes apoptosis and also causes arrest of the phagosome maturation (Mosleh et al., 1998). PorB is imported to the mitochondria causing it to lose its membrane potential (Müller et al., 2000, 2002). It has been shown that the allele PorB1B serves as the binding site for complement proteins C3b and C4bp making GC resistant to the killing action of serum (Ram et al., 2001) and the binding occurs between loops 4 and 5 of the porin protein (Ram et al., 2001). PorB1A sequence is either absent or diverges from PorB1B (Lewis et al., 2008). Instead PorB1A is able to bind the C4 binding protein which inhibits the classic and lectin pathways of complement (Jarva et al., 2007). PorB1A has also been shown to bind factor H which decreases serum killing (Ram et al., 1998). GC serotype PorB1A has been associated with disseminated disease and resistance to killing by serum while serotype PorB1B is associated with local urethral infection (Cannon et al., 1983; Morello and Bohnhoff, 1989). This invasion mechanism is dependent on the level of phosphate and affects the binding of GTP to the GC porin (van Putten et al., 1998). Low levels of phosphate are necessary for GC entry into epithelial cells and it is independent of Opa invasion (Kühlewein et al., 2006). PorB1A can bind the eukaryotic receptor Gp96 (heat shock glycoprotein) which allows adherence but not invasion into epithelial cells. Porin must come into contact with the SREC (scavenger receptor) to allow invasion of

epithelial cells (Rechner et al., 2007). PorB1B enhances the expression of the anti-apoptotic protein Bfl-1 and activation of the *Bfl-1*, *cox-2*, and *c-IAP-2* genes depends on the activation of NF- $\kappa$ B (Binnicker et al., 2004).

Pili are filaments that extend from the body of GC (Swanson et al., 1971) and have been associated with urethral infection (Swanson et al., 1973). Pili are necessary for natural transformation of GC and adherence to epithelial cells (Swanson, 1973; Mehr and Seifert, 1998). Piliated GC also resist phagocytosis by neutrophils (Punsalang and Sawyer, 1973). The main subunit of pili is pilin (PilE), an 18 - 22 Kda polypeptide and this subunit self-polymerizes to form the pili filament. Proteins PilC and PilE have been reported as adhesins that allow for the attachment of GC to epithelial cells (Rudel et al., 1992, 1995). Phase variation in these proteins allows for the different cell tropism that GC encounters (Jonsson et al., 1994). The *pilC* loci undergo phase variation. Lack of one of the *pilC* loci does not have an effect, but lack of both loci prevents transformation. PilT is a protein involved in twitching motility as well as pilus retraction. PilC and PilT have been shown to have antagonistic roles. When PilC proteins are not present, suppression of PilT restores piliation (Wolfgang et al., 1998). PilC regulates PilT fiber retraction (Morand et al., 2004). Pili interaction with epithelial cells triggers release of cytosolic Ca<sup>2+</sup> from intracellular storage and high levels of calcium are needed for effective binding of pili (Kallstrom et al., 1998). In experiments to study the passage of GC through a monolayer, it was found that over 50% of bacteria recovered after 25 hrs were non-piliated although piliated bacteria had been added initially (Ilver et al., 1998). Pili activated PI<sub>3</sub> Kinase in A431 epithelial cells leads to the production of the secondary

lipid messenger PIP<sub>3</sub> (Lee et al., 2005). It has been shown that pili activate Erk leading to the down regulation of proapoptotic proteins Bim and Bad (Howie et al., 2008). CD46 receptor protein has been suggested as a receptor for pili, but a specific neisserial molecule has not been found to bind this receptor.

### 1.3 Colony Opacity Associated Proteins

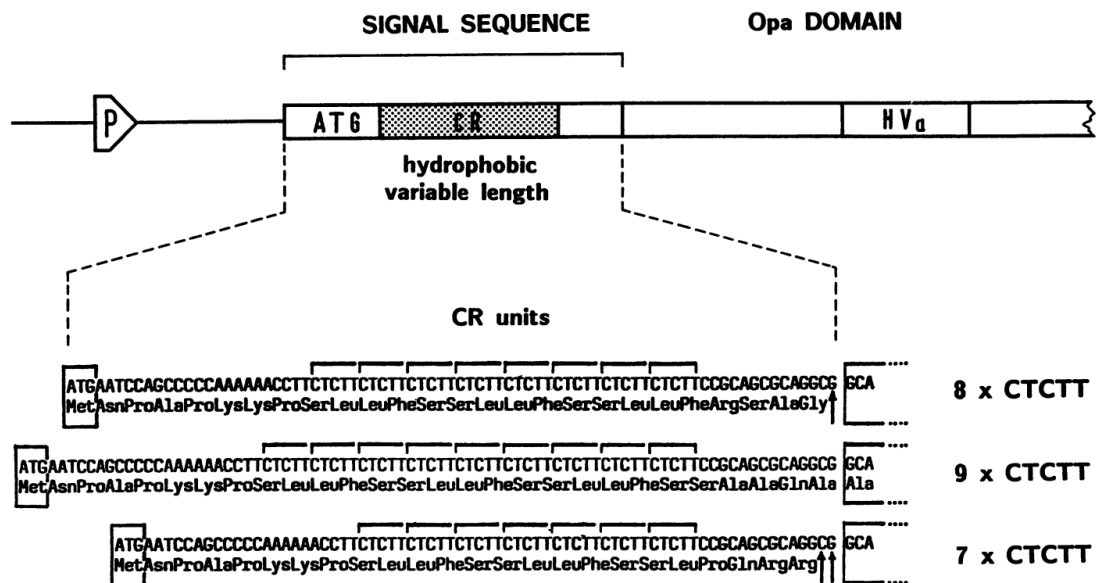
Opas, previously known as P.II proteins in GC and P.5 proteins in MC (Swanson, 1981) are believed to promote the intimate attachment of GC to epithelial cells and neutrophils in the host. Opa interactions are not required during the initial contact with host cells and their expression changes depending on environmental conditions in the host (Weel et al., 1991). Opacity variants of GC colonies were first observed under light microscopy and these colonies showed a dark or opaque appearance compared to others one grown on the same translucent medium that were transparent or light in appearance. It was also noted that the GC around the opaque colonies were composed mostly in clumps or chains while the light colonies had more individual diplococci around the colony. The colony variants were independent from the presence of pili or not and this property also appeared to be due to a protein since opaque colonies were more susceptible to be killed by trypsin (Swanson J., 1978). These opacity differences were also observed in colonies recovered from males and females. GC recovered from the cervix presented predominately transparent colonies while GC recovered from males produced more opaque colonies (James, J. and Swanson, J., 1978). SDS-PAGE showed that opaque colonies presented proteins missing from transparent colonies; these proteins ranged from M.W. 24 to 30 Kdal (Swanson, J., 1978). After each passage there was a

change in the opacity variation of the colonies and the rate of change between opaque and transparent colonies was determined between  $10^{-3}$  and  $10^{-4}$  per CFU per generation (Mayer, L., 1982; Swanson, J., 1982). Transparent colonies seem to be less virulent than opaque colonies, when tested in chicken embryos (Salit, I., and Gotschlich, E., 1978). These results were also observed with strains recovered from patients with DGI and localized gonococcal infections. Strains with opaque colonies are found more predominately in patients with localized infections, while patients with disseminated DGI presented strains that had transparent colonies (Martin et al., 1986).

#### 1.3.1 Genetic basis of Opa expression

Opas undergo phase and antigenic variation. All *opa* genes are monocistronic, each with its own promoter (Stern et al., 1984). These genes code for integral heat modifiable proteins. *opa* genes are constitutively transcribed. Each *opa* gene locus has a repetitive sequence known as the Coding Repeat (CR). The CR is composed of a pentameric pyrimidine sequence CTCTT located within the 5' terminal ORF; between the ATG codon and the mature Opa protein codons. (Stern et al., 1986; Murphy et al., 1989). Figure 1 shows that the number of CR units places the starting codon ATG in frame or out frame to produce either a functional protein or a truncated, nonfunctional peptide (Muralidhara et al., 1987). The number of CR controls *opa* gene expression in the gene sequence. Parental strains with for example 13 CR would produce derivative strains with 12 or 14 CR. The CR can range from 7 to up to 57 units and these units code for only three different amino acids-phenylalanine, serine and leucine (Muralidhara et al., 1987; Meyer et al., 1989). The open reading frame located before the amino terminal

codon is part of the Opa protein as well. Eight of the eleven *opa* genes have conserved promoter regions with a Pribnow box at -10 positions (TATAATC) and the -35 sequence (TGTTGAA); *opa* genes contain the gonococcal uptake sequence upstream at the 3' termini (Bhat et al., 1991). A colony of GC produces a heterogeneous population of opacity mRNAs because all *opa* genes are being transcribed at low levels even when out of frame (Belland et al., 1989).



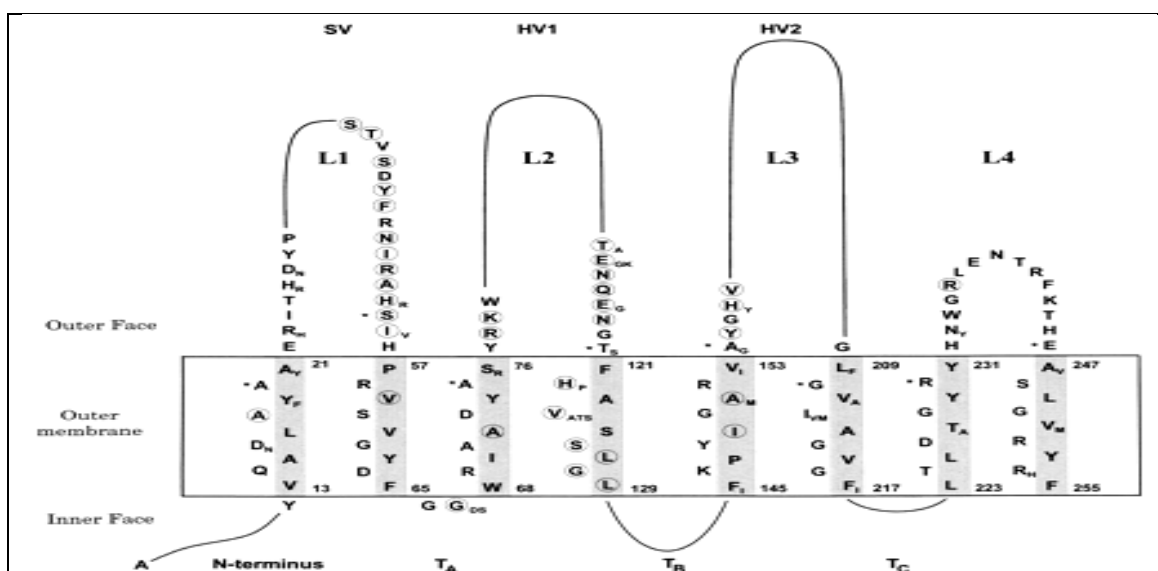
**Figure 1. Diagram of *opa* genes regulation by pentameric CTCTT repeat.** The number of coding repeat units (CR) place the *opa* gene in frame or out of frame. (Meyer and van Putten, 1989).

The regulation of *opa* is due to a slipped-strand mispairing mechanism in which deletion or addition of complete CR units will cause a frameshift in the *opa* transcript (Connell et al., 1987; Murphy et al., 1989; Belland et al., 1989). Therefore, the number of Opas produced in a single cell is limited to the number of *opa* genes present and depends on the translational regulation of each gene. Phase variation is not dependent on RecA (Belland et al., 1989; Murphy et al., 1989). All *opa* genes share a conserved



region and most differences rely on two hypervariable regions that code for hydrophilic amino acids with some charged amino acids (HV<sub>1</sub> and HV<sub>2</sub>) (Stern et al., 1986; Connell et al., 1988). Stern et al (1986) isolated 2 variant *opa* genes from the locus opaE1 and they showed that both variants had the same ORF and the alterations are due to 2 hypervariable regions around the central region of ORF. The *opa* genes were identified using probes to common sequences of the known *opa* genes. Eleven different bands, which correspond to 11 *opa* loci were identified in GC MS11 and named A through K in order of increasing electrophoretic mobility by Southern blotting (Bhat et al., 1991). In addition, 11 loci were found in strain FA1090 with at least six different versions of HV<sub>2</sub> and five versions of HV<sub>1</sub> regions. These hypervariable regions can combine in nine different ways (Connell et al., 1990).

Opacity proteins are basic and have an isoelectric point between pH 9.0 and 10 (Blake, M., and Gotschlich, E., 1984). Malorny et al (1998) predicted a two- dimensional model of the Opa protein structure. They suggested a  $\beta$ -barrel with eight transmembrane strands with four surface exposed loops. Three of these corresponding to variable regions: Semi-variable (SV), HV<sub>1</sub> and HV<sub>2</sub> regions. The loop L4 is highly conserved and short. Variability is also seen in regions T<sub>B</sub> and T<sub>C</sub> facing the inner side of the membrane. Opas traverse the outer membrane 8 times with four hydrophilic loops on the cell surface and the terminants at the inner face of the outer membrane. Studies performed with MC provided evidence that the secondary structure of Opas has a high content of B-strand formation (De Jonge et al., 2002).



**Figure 2. Predicted two-dimensional structure of Opas.** Opas have four extracellular loops. Sequence differences are concentrated in the SV, HV1 and HV2. Conserved amino acids are shown (Malorny et al., 1998).

Expression levels of the different *opa* promoters lead to differences in the rates of phase variation (Belland et al., 1997). The evolution of the *opa* gene family is believed to be the result of gene duplication, gene replacement and partial non-reciprocal recombination. (Bhat et al., 1991; van der Ley et al., 1988). It has also been suggested that horizontal gene exchanges have occurred among different MC and GC and these changes have increase the variability of the *opa* genes (Hobbs et al., 1994). This variability does not occur to produce new and distinct hypervariable regions (Bhat et al., 1991). Makino et al (1991) showed that cell invasion in the Chang cell line was determined by the phase variation of the Opas. They also observed higher levels of invasion when a specific Opa was present.

### 1.3.2. Opa and cell surface receptors

Opas have been found to recognize only two different classes of cellular receptors: heparan sulfate proteoglycans (HSPG) and carcinoembryonic antigen cellular adhesion molecules (CEACAM).

#### 1.3.2.1. Heparan Sulfate Proteoglycans

HSPGs are composed of a core protein covalently bound to polyanionic heparan sulfate glycosaminoglycans (GAG) (Duensing et al., 1999; Jalkanen et al., 1985). They have a ubiquitous distribution on the plasma membrane and the extracellular matrix binding to different enzymes and proteins such as collagen and fibronectin (Lattera et al., 1983). HSPGs can be either intercalated into the plasma membrane through the protein core or bound to the cell surface through the GAG chains. Heparan sulfate is a complex carbohydrate composed of a repeated disaccharide formed of an  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ 1 $\rightarrow$ 4-linked sulfated amino sugar and uronic acid that regulates several interactions such as growth factor-receptor and proteinase - proteinase inhibitor complexes (Gallagher et al., 1986; Guido, D., 1993; Jalkanen, M., 1987; Jalkanen et al., 1985).

Syndecans are the most common transmembrane HSPGs in animal cells. There are four types of syndecans and they can be anchored to the plasma membrane through a hydrophobic amino acid transmembrane domain (Elenius and Jalkanen, 1994).

Syndecans are expressed in different cell types: syndecan-1 is expressed in epithelial cells, syndecan-2 in fibroblasts, syndecan-3 in neuronal cells, while syndecan-4 is widely expressed (Zimmermann and David, 1999). Syndecan-1 has been shown to target the

basolateral surface of polarized epithelial cells while syndecan-4 is located in focal adhesions with integrins  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_3$  (Carey, D., 1997). Syndecans can act as co-receptors with integrins in interactions between cells and ECM adhesions (Elenius and Jalkanen, 1994). It has been shown that syndecan-4 can bind to protein kinase C (PKC).

Non-piliated GC can also invade human epithelial cells by expressing Opas that use HSPG as their cellular receptor. Using Chinese hamster ovary cells deficient in heparin sulfate, researchers showed that GC strain MS11 expressing OpaA was not able to adhere to the cells as efficiently as wild type CHO-K1 cells. Also, this interaction was inhibited when adding exogenous heparin sulfate to Chang and CHO-K1 cells (Chen et al., 1995; Van Putten and Paul, 1995). Attachment of  $^{35}\text{SO}_4$ -labeled purified cell receptor to GC demonstrated conclusively that syndecan HSPG are the receptors for invasion of OpaA expressing GC into human mucosal cells (Van Putten and Paul, 1995). Overexpression of syndecan-4 and syndecan-1 enhanced the uptake of GC into HeLa cells, also when using transfected HeLa cells that expressed these HSPGs (Freissler et al 2000). This uptake was blocked when using PKC inhibitors, and the binding site of syndecan-4 with PKC $\alpha$  is in its intracellular domain, further demonstrating that deletions in the intracellular domain of syndecan-4 that interacts with PKC and Phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate (PIP<sub>2</sub>) block the uptake of GC (Freissler et al., 2000).

Opas A and C of strain MS11 recognize HSPG and promote invasion into human Chang conjunctival cells (Makino et al., 1991; van Putten et al., 1997), HEC-1B human

endometrium carcinoma, and ME-180 human cervix carcinoma cells (Kupsch et al., 1993). Grant et al (1999) showed that the binding domain between OpaA and HSPG is mainly through HV-1, although HV-2 and SV also play a role. This was done by making deletions of the four exposed loops of Opa protein and exposing them to heparin binding. HV-2 had a reduction of about 40%, while HV-1 deletion had a dramatic reduction to background levels.

For some epithelial cells, HSPG is not enough to allow uptake of the Opa<sub>HSPG</sub> GC. Other extracellular protein factors are needed to enhance this interaction and allow for an alternative pathway of invasion. Vitronectin, which is known to bind integrin receptors, induces the entry of Opa<sub>HSPG</sub> GC into HeLa epithelial cells and CHO cells by binding to sulfated polysaccharides (GAG) (Gomez-Duarte et al., 1997; Duensing T., and van Putten J., 1997). The interaction between GC and vitronectin is dependent on the integrins  $\alpha_v\beta_5$  (Dehio M. et al., 1998). Fibronectin mediates the uptake of bacteria into HEp-2 cells and this is facilitated by the interaction with HSPG. The 30KDa N-terminal part of fibronectin is the one that associates with GC. Fibronectin interacts with HEp-2 cells through the RGD motif facilitated by  $\alpha_5\beta_1$  integrin (van Putten et al., 1998). Internalization of Opa-HSPG GC has been shown to involve the recruitment of F-actin (Grassme et al., 1996). Opa-HSPG Signaling studies have shown that PKC inhibitors can block the uptake of HSPG beads, and internalization can be completely blocked when using actin polymerization inhibitors (Dehio C. et al., 1998). Inhibition of gonococcal invasion into HeLa cells was observed using serine/threonine kinase inhibitors (Dehio et al., 1998).

Invasion of GC into Chang cells has been shown to require PC-PLC activation and this internalization produces consumption of PC and release of DAG. Using ASM deficient and reconstituted fibroblasts, it was confirmed that invasion of GC also depends on the activation of ASM correlating with the release of ceramide, (Grassme et al., 1997). which can promote the activation of transcription factors (Schütze et al., 1994).

HSPG interactions with Opas modulate the adherence and invasion to some cell types. Polarized cells express HSPG receptors on their basolateral surface where they can adhere after transmigration of epithelial cells. GC binding to vitronectin and fibronectin provides additional points where bacteria can interact with host cells.

#### 1.3.2.2 Carcinoembryonic Antigen-Related Cell Adhesion Molecules as receptors for Opa

CEA family belongs to the immunoglobulin superfamily and they can be associated to the cell surface through a GPI anchor or they can be transmembrane (Obrink, 1997). Ten out of the 11 Opas expressed by GC recognize CEACAMs as their receptor on epithelial, endothelial and immune cells. CEA antigens contain a single IgV-like N-domain in two  $\beta$ -sheets forming eight  $\beta$  strands that are heavily glycosylated by carbohydrate chains on the asparagine residues (Hammarström, 1999). Cell surface CEACAMs can be attached to the cell surface in two different ways: CEACAMs 1, 3 and 4 contain a hydrophobic transmembrane domain with a cytoplasmic domain, while CEACAMs 5, 6, 7 and 8 are attached through a glycosyl phosphatidyl inositol moiety

(Kuespert et al., 2006; Hammarström, 1999). CEACAMs can be widely expressed; CEACAM 1 and 6 are expressed on epithelial cells and leukocytes, while CEACAM 3 is expressed exclusively on neutrophils (Frängsmyr et al., 1999). CEACAM 5 is present in columnar epithelial and goblet cells in the colon, as well as, squamous epithelial of the cervix, stomach and tongue (Hammarström, 1999) and also in several carcinomas cell lines (Blumenthal et al., 2007). In general, CEACAM family members are expressed in normal human colonic epithelia and neutrophils as well as in several tumor cells (Hammarström, 1999; Frängsmyr 1999).

CEACAM molecules are involved in several functions: cell adhesion through homo and heterophilic binding to molecules of adjacent cells (Obrink, B., 1997), they are possibly involved in the regulation of taurocholate and bile acid transport (Obrink, B., 1997). CEACAM can act as microbial receptors; they have been shown to play a role in interaction of *E. coli* and *Salmonella* (Leusch et al., 1991; Sauter et al., 1993) as well as to mouse hepatitis virus (Holmes 1993). CEACAM1 has been reported to be a target receptor for outer membrane proteins of *Moraxella catarrhalis* UspA protein and *Haemophilus influenzae* P5 proteins (Hill and Virji, 2003; Hill et al., 2001). By using a recombinant polypeptide of the CEACAM molecule, it is possible to block the interaction between epithelial cells and pathogens such as *Moraxella*, *Neisseria* and *Haemophilus* (Hill, et al., 2005). Activation of CEACAM by Opa-mediated interactions leads to the activation of CD105, which is a TGF- $\beta$ 1 receptor, improving attachment of the host cell to the ECM avoiding detachment of infected epithelial cells (Muenzner et al., 2005).

Interactions between GC and neutrophils have been described to be independent of pili expression (Swanson et al., 1974). Opas have been reported to promote interaction with neutrophils in an opsonin-independent manner (Rest et al., 1985; Fischer et al., 1988; Naids et al., 1991) and to enhance the respiratory burst carry out by neutrophils as a bactericidal response (Naids and Rest, 1991; Belland et al., 1992). In experiments demonstrating phagocytic killing of GC, it was concluded that GC expressing Opas interact with human neutrophils (Fischer and Rest, 1988). Using purified Opas attached to liposomes, it was shown that the HV<sub>2</sub> region of Opa partially interacts with neutrophils (Naids et al., 1991). It was demonstrated that CEACAM 3 is the receptor for the attachment of Opa-expressing GC on neutrophils by using HeLa transfected cells and PMN lysates. This receptor also promoted the invasion of Opa-expressing GC into neutrophils (Chen and Gotschlich, 1996). Opa recognizes 108 amino acids in the N-terminal region on CEACAM 3 (Gray-Owen et al., 1997). Opa-expressing GC and neutrophil interaction leads to a signaling cascade in which tyrosine kinases Hck and Fgr are phosphorylated which control the activation of the GTP binding protein Rac1 and Cdc42 activating the serine/threonine kinase PAK and Jun-N-terminal kinase (Hauck et al., 1998; Billker et al., 2002). This interaction begins with the phosphorylation of a functional ITAM molecule on CEACAM 3 that leads to the influx of calcium and phagocytosis of opa-expressing GC (Chen et al., 2001; McCaw et al., 2003). It has been shown that Syk and PLC are required for the phagocytosis of Opa-expressing GC by neutrophils (Chen et al., 2001). The phosphorylation of CEACAM 3 also leads to the nucleation of actin filaments to allow uptake of GC (McCaw et al., 2003). CEACAM3 Transfected 293T cells change the distribution of Rac by recruiting around GC, and there



was an increase in Rac-GTP in these cells (Schmitter et al., 2004). This interaction produces the killing of GC by oxidative burst (Schmitter et al., 2004) and interaction with CEACAM3 was also observed with *Haemophilus* and *Moraxella* (Schmitter et al., 2004).

CEACAMs (CD66) antigens are found to be receptors for Opas in MC and GC using transfection of COS cells with CD66 cDNA (Virji et al., 1996a, b). Co-precipitation of three different constructs of CEACAM1 with MC ligand determined that the N-terminal of CD66 is bound specifically by Opas, also GC recognized N-terminal domain expressed by *E. coli* (Virji et al., 1996a; Bos et al., 1998). It was demonstrated in transfected HeLa cells, Opa not only interacts with CEACAM3 and CEACAM1 but also CEACAM5 (Chen et al., 1997). Since different members of the CEACAM family can act as receptors for Opas, Popp et al., 1999 wanted to test if these included CEACAM4 and CEACAM7 by using transfected CHO cells. They concluded that CEACAM4 and 7 are not bound by Opas even though they share homology sequence with other CEACA molecules. Using different residues of the N-terminal of CEACAM5, it was found that Opa binds to the exposed loops of the GFC face of CEACAM that it not bound to carbohydrates, more specifically the  $\beta$ sheet  $\beta$ C ant the loop C-C' on residues 31-42 where the is a serine on residue 32 (Bos et al., 1999; Popp et al., 1999). Making deletions of the exposed loops on Opa, it was possible to determine which specific domain binds to CEACAM receptors. Deletion of the HV regions completely blocked binding to CEACAMS, while deletion of the SV region did not alter this binding. This interaction can only happen when there is a correct combination of HV regions demonstrating that this interaction is of high affinity (Bos et al., 2002; de Jonge et al., 2003). Opa C interacts

with both types of receptors mediating adhesion to CEACAMs 1, 3, 5, and 6 as well as HSPG (Gray-Owen et al., 1997; Chen et al., 1997) correlating that purulent exudates from patients consist of mostly neutrophils and that they are associated with GC (Ward et al., 1972). Opa variants interact differently with members of the CEACAM family Opa B, C, G and I recognize CEACAMs 3 and 6 while all Opas interact with CEACAMs 1 and 5 except for OpaA, which interacts with HSPG (Bos et al., 1997; Chen et al., 1997).

Early studies showed that OpaC is involved in invasion of epithelial cells, and that OpaH loci mediates invasion in HEC-1-B cells (Waldbeser et al., 1994) demonstrating that more than one *opa* can contribute to epithelial cell invasion. Different interactions between Opa and CEACAM receptors confer variability in tissue tropism and disease manifestation in different gonococcal infections. Several infection assays have demonstrated that specific Opas have induced different responses in host tissues. For example, Opas that bind CEACAM 1 are responsible for inducing a chemiluminescence's response in neutrophils and colonization of endothelial cells (Gray-Owen et al., 1997). In addition, Chen et al (1997) showed that Opas display different ability in adherence and invasion of HeLa cells and that OpaC interacts with both HSPG and CEACAM receptors.

Interactions between Opa-expressing GC and epithelial cells have been shown to activate signaling cascades to promote the expression of CEACAM1 on endothelial and epithelial cells (Muenzner et al., 2001; Muenzner et al., 2002). After prolonged infection of human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVEC) with Opa-expressing GC, it was shown that CEACAM1 molecules promoted internalization of GC in the previous

unstimulated attachment of GC on the endothelial cells. Furthermore, this expression of CEACAM1 was not due to the activation of TNF $\alpha$ . Infections of endothelial cells lead to the activation of NF- $\kappa$ B after 45 minutes post-infection (Muenzner, et al., 2001). Using primary epithelial ovarian cells (HOSE) that express CEACAM1, it was found that infection with GC upregulated the expression of CEACAM after 2 hours post infection and that this upregulation also requires activation of NF- $\kappa$ B. It was also noted that invasion into HOSE cells was very low compared to the attachment of GC to HOSE cells (Muenzner et al., 2002). Demonstration that class I PI 3-kinase activity is required for the uptake of GC into epithelial cells was done using CEACAM3 HeLa transfected cells knowing that this receptor has an ITAM domain leading to the activation of Phosphatidylinositol (3,4,5)-triphosphate (PIP<sub>3</sub>) at the sites of bacterial attachment indicating that PIP<sub>3</sub> mediates internalization of GC into cells. Another PI<sub>3</sub>K product is involved in the survival of GC in epithelial cells, PI3P, which is localized in endosomal compartments and was accumulated in mature phagosomes containing GC (Booth et al., 2003); phagosomal acidification is required for gonococcal killing (McCaw et al., 2004).

McCaw and coworkers (2004) used HeLa cells transfected with each of the CEACAM receptors to study the differences in interactions with GC. Gonococcal association and uptake differ depending on the CEACAM receptor expressed on epithelial cells; association was highest in CEACAM5 HeLa cells, while internalization was highest with CEACAM3 and lowest CEACAM5. Tyrosine kinase inhibitors were used to test the role of these kinases in uptake of GC into each of the HeLa transfected lines, confirming that only in CEACAM1 and 3 expressing epithelial cells kinases have a

role in this uptake. They also confirmed that actin rearrangements are seen during uptake in CEACAM3 expressing cells, while not in the other ones (McCaw et al., 2004). Entry into CEACAM5 cells was reduced when the GPI anchored was cleaved suggesting a “zipper” mechanism of entry. It has been demonstrated using cholesterol chelators that in GPI anchored CEACAM6 cholesterol-rich membrane microdomains mediate the uptake of Opa-expressing GC (Schmitter et al., 2007).

More recently, the importance of Opas in the suppression of the host immune system has been shown. *N. gonorrhoeae* OpaC binding to CEACAM1 receptors suppresses the activation and proliferation of CD4<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes (Boulton and Gray-Owen, 2002). Also, the role of Opas in the interaction with B cells has been demonstrated. Interaction of CEACAM1-expressing Human B cells inhibited antibody production and promotes cell death of DT-40 cells through the BTK (Pantelic et al., 2005). Therefore, Opas are important for infection to occur and for evasion of the immune system.

HeLa (cervical carcinoma) and HEC-1-B (endometrial carcinoma) cell lines that are commonly used for GC-host interactions are negative for the expression of CEACAMs. ME-180 (cervical carcinoma) cell line produces high levels of CEACAM5 and CEACAM6 but no CEACAM1 (Swanson et al., 2001; Muenzner et al., 2002). T84 cells express CEACAM1, CEACAM5 and CEACAM6 (Wang et al., 1998).

#### 1.4 Polarization of epithelial cells and apical tight junction formation

Epithelial and endothelial cells are polarized to form barriers between tissues and organs. Polarized cells are characterized by cell to cell adhesions and connect to the extracellular matrix (ECM) through actin and by two compartments: an apical domain and a basolateral domain. Cell to cell adhesions consist of desmosomes, adherent junctions, GAP junctions and tight junctions. Tight junctions are the most apical cell-cell junctions forming a paracellular barrier between cells and the environment and are composed of several transmembrane proteins that bind peripheral proteins forming a network that interact with the cytoskeleton. Three main transmembrane proteins are claudins, occludins and JAMs and the peripheral proteins are: zonula occludens (ZO-1, ZO-2 and ZO-3), MAGI proteins and cingulin.

Occludin is a 60 Kdal protein that interacts directly with the zonula occludens proteins and indirectly with JAMs and the cytoskeleton (Wittchen et al., 1999; Bazzoni et al., 2000). Occludins are part of the TJ strands (Furuse et al., 1993). Overexpression of occludin has been shown to increase paracellular permeability of tight junctions and it is also involved in the formation of the intramembrane barrier (Balda et al., 1996). C-terminal cytoplasmic domain of occluding mediates basolateral expression of a membrane protein as well as endocytosis, while glycosylated occludin accumulates on the basolateral membrane, suggesting that biogenesis of the tight junction occurs on the basolateral membrane (Matter and Balda, 1998). Claudins are involved in the barrier functions by promoting calcium independent cell adhesions (Furuse et al., 1998a). Impaired paracellular permeability to calcium and magnesium is observed in claudin mutations (Hou et al., 2005) showing that claudins are integral components of the TJ

strand (Furuse et al., 1998b). JAM proteins belong to the IgG superfamily. JAM are believed to have a function in the barrier function (Liu et al., 2000) but are not part of the TJ strand.

The peripheral proteins zonula occludens are located at the submembranous region of the tight junctions serving as scaffolding proteins that interact with both the TJ strands and the actin cytoskeleton. The first isoform identified was ZO-1 (Stevenson et al., 1986). Experiments with ZO-1 knockouts present a delay in TJ formation suggesting that ZO-1 has an important function in the assembly of TJ (Umeda et al., 2004). ZO-1 localizes to the nucleus and binds ZONAB during TJ maturation (Balda et al 2003). ZO-1 binds the other components of the zonula occludens proteins (Wittchen et al., 1999). MAGI (membrane associated guanylate inverted) proteins localize to the TJ and also bind  $\beta$ -catenin and E-cadherin in the adherens junctions (Ide et al., 1999). Cingulin localizes to the TJ and interacts with ZO proteins, JAM and actin (Cordenonsi et al., 1999; D'Artri and Citi 2001). In the formation of cell polarity, two functional complexes have been associated: the CRUMBS (CRB) complex and the partitioning defective (Par) complex. The CRB complex is composed of CRB3, PALS1 and PATj proteins and is localized in the apical membrane and subapical region. Overexpression of CRB3 leads to the delay of TJ formation and disruption of cell polarity (Roh et al., 2003). Loss of PALS1 also leads to a delay in TJ formation (Straight et al., 2004). The PAR complex consists of the proteins Par3, Par6 and  $\alpha$ PKC. It was demonstrated by Wang et al., (2006) that EGFR signaling leads to the tyrosine phosphorylation of Par3 and this interaction depends on the activation of Src family kinases c-Src and c-Yes and allows the promotion of TJ

assembly by negatively regulating Par3 – LIMK2 which regulates cofilin phosphorylation.  $\alpha$ PKC can directly phosphorylate JAM-A which is required for a functional epithelial barrier (Iden et al., 2012). The scaffolding adaptor GAB1 promotes the phosphorylation of Par3 by Par1, therefore controlling the amount of the Par complex by releasing Par3 from the membrane to limit access to Par6 (Yang et al., 2012).

### 1.5. Pathogen movement across epithelial barriers

Pathogens must overcome the epithelial barrier which is the first line of defense to gain access to other tissues and cause invasion. Some pathogens are capable of producing toxins that disrupt these cell adhesins to invade the subepithelial tissues through the paracellular route. *Porphyromonas gingivalis* produces gingipain which is a cysteine protease with specificity for lysine or arginine peptide bonds degrading E-cadherin in adherens junction (Katz et al., 2000 & 2002). *Porphyromonas gingivalis* produces an increase in TEER of about 30% between 2 and 8 hours after infection, but the TEER decreased to zero at 24 hours (Groeger et al., 2010). Gingipains facilitate the hydrolysis of platelet endothelial cell adhesion molecule 1 (PECAM-1) increasing the permeability of endothelial cells and leukocyte influx (Yun et al., 2005) as well as inducing apoptosis in endothelial cells (Sheets et al., 2005).

The bacterium known for causing gastrointestinal ulcers, *Helicobacter pylori*, produces CagA which is a product of the type IV secretion system *cag* PAI. CagA can disrupt tight junctions by interacting with several different components of these cell-cell junctions and it recruits ZO-1 and JAM proteins to the site of bacterial entry as well as

binding the PAR1/MARK2 complex (Amieva et al., 2003; Saadat et al., 2007). CagA inhibits  $\alpha$ PKC phosphorylation by Par1 causing polarity defects by dissociating Par1 from the membrane (Saadat et al., 2007). CagA also disrupt adherens junctions by interacting with E-cadherin,  $\beta$ -catenin and p-120 (Suzuky et al., 2005; Conlin et al., 2004; Weydig et al., 2007). CagA mutants are defective in colonization of the apical cell surface (Tan et al., 2009). CagA is not the only factor produced by *H. pylori*, VacA, OipA and urease (Franco et al., 2008). *H. pylori* disrupts E-cadherin and  $\beta$ -catenin by activating host cell calpain via TLR-2 (O'Connor et al., 2011). *H. pylori* can also disrupt claudin-4 by inducing the phosphorylation of IL-1R to activate Rho kinase (Lapointe et al., 2010).

Other pathogens like *Clostridium difficile*, the causative agent of pseudomembranous colitis produces the toxins TcdA and TcdB that can cause a disruption of the tight junctions and actin cytoskeleton by inactivating Rho GTPases (Popoff et al., 1996; Nusrat et al., 2001; Boehm et al., 2006). The opportunistic pathogen *Burkholderia cenocepacia* can cause bacteremia after crossing the respiratory epithelium by dephosphorylating occludin, a protein component of the tight junctions (Kim et al., 2005). *Campylobacter jejuni*, the food-borne bacterium causes disruption of the tight junctions, by inducing dephosphorylation and redistribution of occludin as well as the level of ZO-1 (Chen et al., 2006; Man et al., 2010). *C. jejuni* serine protease HtrA cleaves the NTF domain form E-cadherin which may be involved in transmigration of epithelial cells (Boehm et al., 2012).



Studies with MC have shown that Opa are important in bacterial colonization and translocation of epithelial and endothelial cells (Virji et al., 1993). Since not all cells that interact with GC express CEACAM receptors, invasion in these host cells must be mediated by an Opa-independent mechanism (Swanson et al., 2001). Target receptor density on host cells is important for interaction between capsulated meningococci and cell lines expressing CEACAM1. Even a small number of encapsulated bacteria can cross the blood barrier (Nassif et al., 2002) and lead to disseminated disease (Bradley et al., 2005).

A crucial step in neisserial pathogenesis is the ability of pathogenic *Neisseria* to cross cellular barriers to produce disseminated infections. Infections of fallopian tubes with GC have shown that GC attached to and entered non-ciliated mucosal cells where they replicated and later invaded sub-epithelial tissues (McGee et al., 1981). This process has been reported in meningococcal infections as well, where attachment and penetration of nasopharyngeal mucosa has been observed (McGee et al., 1983). It has been shown previously that *Neisseria* can traverse polarized monolayers of epithelial cells without disrupting the tight junctions (Merz et al., 1996). Infection assays of human ureters have been used to study adhesion and invasion of GC through stratified epithelial tissue. Single GC and groups of GC are found in intracellular locations and some are released into an intercellular position (Mosleh et al., 1997). *N. meningitidis* has been shown to be able to cross polarized cells without disrupting tight junctions and they are located inside the cells and not between the cells (Pujol et al., 1997). It has been reported that in assays using piliated GC to invade a monolayer of epithelial cells, non-piliated GC are recovered

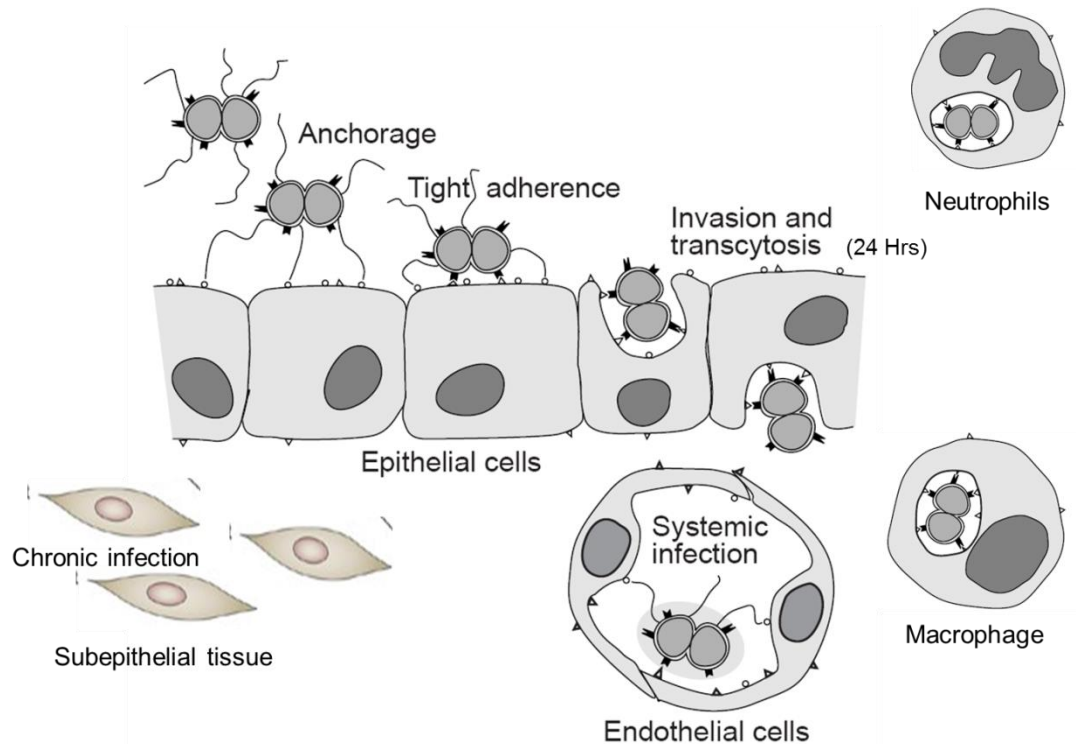
on the lower chamber, which suggests that different antigenic properties are needed for transcellular passage of epithelial cells (Ilver et al., 1998). Another study observed that pili are not sufficient for activation of microvillus in HEC-1-B cell, but Opa are also required (Griffiss et al., 1999). Studies of *N. gonorrhoeae* trans-epithelial migration have shown that OpaA or Opa- GC do not interact with the apical layer of T84 monolayers, but GC expressing Opas that bind CEACAM receptors interact with the apical layer (Wang et al., 1998). This has been also shown with *E. coli* expressing recombinant Opas. It has been observed that IgA1 protease produced by pathogenic *Neisseria* has a role in transcytosis of epithelial cells by altering their lysosomal content. This has been shown with mutants in the type 2 IgA1 protease, where they traversed polarized T84 cells in fewer numbers than the wild type (Hopper et al., 2000a). In addition to IgA1 protease, other factors have been found to have an effect in transepithelial migration of *N. gonorrhoeae*. Analysis of mutants generated by a bank of minitransposons showed that intracellular growth is linked to transcellular trafficking. Mutants of the *fit* locus (fast intracellular trafficker) traversed the T84 monolayer faster than the wild type and without disrupting the tight junctions (Hopper et al., 2000). Studies with *E. coli* showed that LOS, porin and Opas are important in the transcytosis process of *N. gonorrhoeae* across epithelial cells (Gorby et al., 2001). The lutropin receptor has been found to mediate the transcytosis process with aid of the ribosomal protein L12 (Spence et al., 2002).

Phase variation allows GC to express many different Opas giving GC the ability to survive in many different environments and to interact with a variety of host cells. Some of the importance of Opas has been shown in studies where male volunteers had

been inoculated with Opa- GC. These studies showed that there is a strong selection for Opa -expression in vivo because Opa<sup>+</sup> GC were isolated from these subjects indicating that phase variation probably occurred during the course of infection (Schmidt et al., 2000; Schneider et al., 1995; Jerse et al., 1994). This selection may not be due to receptor specificity, but it may be due to evasion of innate defenses in response to Opa as suggested by experiments using a murine genital tract infection model (Simms and Jerse, 2006). In previous studies, it was found that women with acute salpingitis presented different colony morphology of GC depending on the location. GC recovered from fallopian tubes were transparent (Opa-) while GC recovered from the cervix had a higher number of opaque colonies (Draper et al., 1980).

Another important characteristic of Opas has been suggested by their involvement in transcytosis of epithelial cells. Studies have shown that Opas binding to CEACAM receptors are involve in the process of adhering to epithelial cells, entering and then being release into the basal stromal (McGee et al., 1981; Wang et al., 1998). The use of CEACAM receptors to adhere to the apical layer of epithelial cells can aid in the invasion of these cells and subsequently passage into deeper tissues. GC uses HSPG receptors to adhere to the basolateral layer of epithelial cells and gains back access inside the cells to exit on the apical side and continue re-infecting other cells. There is a lack of accountability of GC for up to 40 hours after infection has initiated in human male challenge studies (Schneider et al., 1995). Taking this into account, the specific role of Opas in the adherence, invasion and transcytosis of epithelial cells is important to be investigated.

Figure 3 shows how GC attaches to epithelial cells via pili while Opas promote a tight adherence. GC is then able to invade epithelial cells and later exit in the subepithelial layer where they can interact with endothelial cells to cause disseminated disease.



**Figure 3. Diagram of transcytosis of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*** (Modified from Dehio, et al. 1998). GC interacts with epithelial cells through pili, causing retraction of the pili fiber and bringing GC closer to epithelial cells allowing interaction of Opas with host cells receptors. Opas mediate invasion and transcytosis into epithelial cells in 24 hours. GC can interact with endothelial cells causing DGI. GC interacts with neutrophils in an opsonin independent manner.

### 1.6 Significance and goals

The purpose of this research project was to study how phase variation of surface determinants of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* affects transmigration across polarized epithelia.

In women, GC causes asymptomatic disease in over 50 percent of women infected,

leading to chronic disease such as PID, DGI, ectopic pregnancy and infertility. Opas have been suggested to cause the intimate attachment with epithelial cells leading to invasion of these. A gonococcus is capable of expressing 11 different Opas at a specific time; therefore, it is difficult to elucidate the true role of each Opa in pathogenesis. In addition, while Opa-expressing GC are recovered from male volunteers in challenge studies as well as female cervix, in isolates of female fallopian tubes Opa negative GC are usually recovered (Draper et al., 1980) as well as joint fluid from patients with disseminated disease. This led us to suggest that to cause ascending disease in women and eventually DGI, GC must avoid expression of Opas.

The following specific aims will address the overall hypothesis of the research proposal:

**Aim 1.** Construct an *opa* strain of GC MS11 expressing no Opas. Due to the phase variation capabilities of Opas, it was necessary to obtain a strain that could not express any Opas. A genetic approach was used to create a MS11 *opa*<sup>-</sup> strain. A PCR/transformation/ spot transformation procedure was used to delete/replace the 11 *opa* genes present in strain MS11.

**Aim 2.** Determine the role of Opa protein expression on transcytosis of epithelial cells. This interaction involves several steps: attachment, invasion and transcytosis of epithelial cells. A T84 cell line was used to perform transcytosis experiments and address the question if GC expressing or not Opas have a different fate when interacting with

epithelial cells. I characterized the interaction of strain GC MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* and Opa-expressing GC with T84 cells.

## Chapter 2: Materials and Methods

### Bacterial Strains

All strains used are listed in Table 1. *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* strain MS11MKC (MKC) was maintained on gonococcal media base (GCK) with 1% Kellogg's supplement at 37°C in an incubator with 5% CO<sub>2</sub> (White et al., 1965). *E. coli* strains were grown on Luria-Bertani medium (Sambrook et al., 1989). Spectinomycin was used at 2 different concentrations: 50 µg/ml for creation of plasmids and 30 µg/ml for transformation of GC, ampicillin was used at 60 µg/ml, and X-Gal (5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl-β-D-galactopyranoside) was used at 35µg/ml. A dissecting microscope was used to select for Piliated (P<sup>+</sup>) or nonpiliated (P<sup>-</sup>) bacteria for subsequent manipulation (P<sup>+</sup>Opa<sup>+</sup>, P<sup>-</sup> Opa<sup>-</sup>, P<sup>+</sup> Opa<sup>-</sup>, P<sup>-</sup> Opa<sup>+</sup>) based on their light refraction phenotypes. *Salmonella* was grown on Luria-Bertani medium.

### Cell Culture and Polarization of T84 Monolayers

T84 cells were obtained from the American Type Culture Collection and grown in a 1:1 mixture of Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium and Ham's F12 medium containing 1.2 g/L sodium bicarbonate, 2.5 mM L-glutamine, 15 mM HEPES and 0.5 mM sodium pyruvate (ATCC), supplemented with 7% fetal bovine serum (HyClone) and 1% Penicillin/Streptomycin mixture. Cells were sub-cultured by adding 0.25% trypsin and 0.03% EDTA (Mediatech, Inc) and incubating at 37°C until detachment of the cells occurs. T84 cells (3X10<sup>4</sup>/well) were seeded onto polycarbonate Transwell filters with a pore size of 3µm (Costar). Cells were propagated in culture media with fluid renewal every 2-3 days. The electrical resistance of the monolayer was measured with an

electrode (Millipore) and monolayer with an electrical resistance of  $>1500 \Omega\text{cm}^2$  was used for transcytosis assays.

Table 1. Bacterial strains used

| Strain   | Property                    | Source              |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> MS11   | Wild type strain            | Herman Scheneider   |
| <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> MS11 $\Delta 2$ <i>opa</i>                       | Partial <i>opa</i> deletion | This study          |
| <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> MS11 $\Delta 2,8$ <i>opa</i>                     | Partial <i>opa</i> deletion | This study          |
| <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> MS11 $\Delta 2,8,5$ <i>opa</i>                   | Partial <i>opa</i> deletion | This study          |
| <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> MS11 $\Delta 2,8,5,11$ <i>opa</i>                | Partial <i>opa</i> deletion | This study          |
| <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> MS11 $\Delta 2,8,5,11,6$ <i>opa</i>              | Partial <i>opa</i> deletion | This study          |
| <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> MS11 $\Delta 2,8,5,11,6,3$ <i>opa</i>            | Partial <i>opa</i> deletion | This study          |
| <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> MS11 $\Delta 2,8,5,11,6,3,4$ <i>opa</i>          | Partial <i>opa</i> deletion | This study          |
| <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> MS11 $\Delta 2,8,5,11,6,3,4,1$ <i>opa</i>        | Partial <i>opa</i> deletion | This study          |
| <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> MS11 $\Delta 2,8,5,11,6,3,4,1,9$ <i>opa</i>      | Partial <i>opa</i> deletion | This study          |
| <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> MS11 $\Delta 2,8,5,11,6,3,4,1,9,7$ <i>opa</i>    | Partial <i>opa</i> deletion | This study          |
| <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> MS11 $\Delta 2,8,5,11,6,3,4,1,9,7,10$ <i>opa</i> | Partial <i>opa</i> deletion | This study          |
| <i>E. coli</i> DH5 $\alpha$ mcr  | Cloning strain              | Gibco Life Sciecn   |
| pUC19  | Cloning vector              | New England Biolabs |

### Polymerase Chain Reaction

PCR reactions were performed using the Expand Long Template PCR Kit (Roche Applied Science, Germany) or GoTaq PCR System (Promega, Madison, Wisconsin).

Table 2. Primer List

| Primer Name | Primer Sequence                | Opa used |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 1F          | GCGGAATTCTACATCATCTTCTCCCATAT  | 1        |
| 1R          | CGCAAGCTTCATCGCATTACCTTTGGTTG  | 1        |
| 2F          | GCGGGATCCAGGGCGGTGTGCGAAGGCAAA | 2        |



|               |   |    |
|---------------|---|----|
| 2R            | CGCAAGCTTTCTCTAGATTCCGCATCC               | 2  |
| 3F            | GCGGAATTCGGGGCGACGACTCGTCCAA              | 3  |
| 3R Redo       | GCAAGCTTCCCATTGTTGCGGGAGGCTT              | 3  |
| 4F            | GCGGAATTCAAGAAGGAATGCCGAACCG              | 4  |
| 4R            | CGTAAGCTTCCGCCTTGAAACACCGGGTT             | 4  |
| 5F            | GCGAATTCCCGCCCTGTCGCCTTTAGAC              | 5  |
| 5R            | GCTAAGCTTCGCGGATGGTGGGTTTAGGA             | 5  |
| 6F            | CCATGCAGGCGGGAATTCAAACCT                  | 6  |
| 6R            | TTTAAAGCTTGGTGTCTCCACGGCTTTGATGGCTTTG     | 6  |
| 7F            | GGGAAGCTTAATGCGAACGCTGCTGGCAT             | 7  |
| 7R            | CGCGAATTCATAGAAATGACGAAATTTTAG            | 7  |
| 8F            | GGGAAGCTTGCGTACCGAAGCTTTGTTCCG            | 8  |
| 8R            | GCAGAATTCGTTTGTTATCCCAATAATGCA            | 8  |
| Opa 9 del var | GCCCAATGAGGCTTCGTGGGTT                    | 9  |
| 9R Redo       | AAAAGCATGCCCAAGCCGGTTCAACCAAAGCTGGATTAAAG | 9  |
| 10F New       | ATCGAATTCAAAACCGTTTTTCCCG                 | 10 |
| 10R Redo      | AAAAGCATGCCTACGCCAGCATTATTTCTACGCTCAAAGAC | 10 |
| 11F           | GCGAAGCTTGAGGATTTGTACGAAGAGCT             | 11 |
| 11R           | GGTGAATTCAAAAAACCGATGGTTAAATA             | 11 |
| 1contF        | TTTGCCATTGTTTCCTAACA                      | 1  |
| opa 1 cont R  | ATATTTTCCTCAACAATAA                       | 1  |
| 2 cont F      | TTC TGA CGG ACA GAA AAC AGA C             | 2  |
| 2 cont R      | TTT GGG CAA CCG TTT TAT CCG ATA A         | 2  |

|                  |   |     |
|------------------|---|-----|
| opa 4 seq F      | ATC TGA CAG GCG CGC AAT CCG CCC CCT CAT TTG | 4   |
| 5 Cont F         | GGC GGG CCA ACG CTG TAC TGG TTT A           | 5   |
| 5 cont R         | GGC GGG CCA ACG CTG TAC TGG TTT A           | 5   |
| 6 cont R         | ATC GCA GGC GAT ACT TTG TCT TT              | 6   |
| 6 next F         | GAT TTC CCC CCT CCA AGG CT                  | 6   |
| 6 next R         | TGC GGC TTC CAT ATC GGC TT                  | 6   |
| 7 cont seq F     | CAA ACA GTA TTT CAG ACG GC                  | 7   |
| 748R             | CCC GGA ACC CGA TAT AAT CC                  | 7   |
| 8 cont F         | ATC GGT CAA AAT CTT CTG CCG TTT             | 8   |
| 9 Cont F         | CAC CGC TTC CCT CAT GGT GTT                 | 9   |
| 9 Cont R         | TTC CGC GAC GGC GTG GAC GT                  | 9   |
| 1829998F         | CCG CTG TTG GTA TCC ACA TCG TTA ATC         | 9   |
| Cont 183 Reverse | GCG GAC GGC GTT TTG ACA ACA GTG             | 9   |
| 10 cont seq F    | TTC CAT TTC CTG TAA CGG GC                  | 10  |
| 10 cont seq R    | GCA ACT ACG CCA CTT GGA AC                  | 10  |
| 11 Cont F        | GGA AGA AAT CAA AAA AG                      | 11  |
| 11 Cont R        | CCG AAA TGG CTT CAA CCG GC                  | 11  |
| 9F New           | CGTGGATCCGGGGAGAGGGCTCCCCGAATT              | 9   |
| Omega-Pst-F      | GACCTGCAGTTGCAAACCCTCACTGATCC               | all |
| Omega-Pst-R      | CAGTCTGCAGGAGTTAAGCCGCGCCGCGAA              | all |
| Opa5' all        | GCATCCCATAGAATCCAGCCCCAAAAAAC               | all |
| Opa3' all        | GCATCTGGATCCGAAGCGGTAGCGCACGCCCAATGAGGCT    | all |

### Agarose Gel Electrophoresis

Agarose gels were prepared with 1% agarose and 10 µl of 10mg/ml ethidium bromide. Gels were run at a constant voltage (100 volts) until the dye front reached the bottom of the gel (Sambrook et al., 1989).

### Deletion of *opa* Genes

Each *opa* gene was amplified by PCR, cloned into a vector pUC19 and then transformed into *E. coli* DH5α by heat shock transformation (Sambrook and Russell, 2001). *opa* coding regions were deleted by PCR, and mutants were selected by inserting a spectinomycin cassette. Eleven *opa* genes from strain MS11 were cloned into pUC19, each gene was deleted and a  $\Omega$  spectinomycin cassette (amplified from plasmid pHP45) was inserted into the region. *N. gonorrhoeae* strain MS11 were grown overnight on GCK media at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Piliated cells were selected to inoculate GCP broth supplemented with Kellogg's solution, 0.042% NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> to a density of  $1 \times 10^7$  cell/ml. 1 µg of the SpecR deletion plasmid DNA were added and then a four hour incubation at 37°C followed to allow the deleted-cassette DNA to homologously recombine into the MS11 chromosome. Transformants were plated onto GCK + spectinomycin (30 µg/ml) selective media. After two days of incubation, transformants were selected and colony PCR allowed for detection in each mutant genome. Cells were lysed in 0.5M NaOH and then neutralized by the addition of 1.5M Tris pH 7.5. Primers designed to amplify the respective *opa* gene were used to amplify the SpecR cassette and the *opa* flanking DNA in the mutants. If the colony PCR yielded the desired product, non-selective transformation was used to replace the spectinomycin cassette with the deleted gene plasmid.

### Gonococcal Transformation

Piliated GC MS11 *opa*<sup>-</sup> were resuspended to a light turbidity of  $1 \times 10^7$  CFU/ml in 1 ml gonococcal medium base. Bacteria were incubated with plasmid DNA for 4 hours in the presence of 1 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.42% NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and 1% Kelloggs solution, in a rotary shaker at 37°C. Various dilutions were plated onto GCK plates and incubated at 37°C for 24- 48 hours.

### Non-Selective Transformation (Spot Transformation)

Once the spectinomycin resistant mutant was identified, non-selective transformation (Gunn and Stein, 1996) replaced the spectinomycin cassette with the deletion plasmid. Piliated cells were suspended in GCP broth + 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> at moderate density. The cells were vortexed and diluted in GCP + MgCl<sub>2</sub>. Two-fold dilutions of the cells were prepared and then 5µl aliquot were spotted on a GCK agar plate. 0.1- 0.5 µg of DNA were added to each spot and the plate were incubated overnight at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. The isolated colonies were re-streaked and screened for incorporation of the deletion. Colony PCR was done as described above. If the colony PCR yielded the desired product, the correct size fragment should be amplified. Once the mutant gonococci were identified, transformation with a new SpecR deletion plasmid was done; followed by the spot transformation. These procedures were repeated with nine of 11 *opa* genes present in *N. gonorrhoeae* strain MS11. Using silent mutagenesis, the next *opa* gene was amplified by PCR to produce an *opa* gene incapable of phase variation. The last *opa* gene was transformed with the plasmid containing the spectinomycin cassette, obtaining a strain in which none of the 11 *opa* genes is being expressed.

### *E. coli* DH5 $\alpha$ Transformation

When the ligation product was obtained transformation of *E. coli* was used to identify the clone of interest. Competent *E. coli* cells were heat shocked with 1  $\mu$ g of DNA to allow penetration of DNA. LB broth was added after incubation of cells at 37°C for 2 minutes and then incubated for 30 minutes at 37°C (Sambrook and Russell, 2001). Cells were plated onto LB + X-gal + ampicillin (60  $\mu$ g/ml). After overnight incubation, white colonies were selected and alkaline lysis plasmid DNA miniprep purification was done to obtain plasmid DNA. Confirmation of the correct plasmid was done through digestion of the DNA with the restriction enzymes used in the silent mutagenesis procedure and by sequencing reactions.

### Southern Hybridization

Analysis was performed following a combination a protocols from Sambrook and Roche Molecular Biochemicals (2001). Chromosomal DNA of the *opa* gene mutants was isolated using Promega's Wizard Genomic DNA Purification Kit (Madison, WI). DNA was digested overnight and separated on a 1% TBE agarose gel by electrophoresis for 16 hours at 46 volts. DNA was transferred by capillary action to a pre-wetted positively charged nylon membrane (Roche, Indianapolis IN) using alkaline transfer buffer (0.4M NaOH, 1M NaCl). After overnight transfer, the membrane was removed, air dried, and UV-crosslinked for 5 minutes. The membrane was neutralized while shaking in buffer (0.5M Tris-HCl pH 7.2, 1M NaCl) for 15 min. The membrane was pre-hybridized for 1 hr at 60°C in 20 mL solution (5X SSC, 2% dry milk blocking, 0.1% N laurylsarcosine, 0.02% SDS) for every 100 cm<sup>2</sup> of membrane. After 1 hour, denatured probe (100 ng of

random primed DIG labeled PCR product made using Opa3' all and Opa5' all primers) was added and hybridization proceeded overnight at 60°C. After hybridization 4 stringency washes were performed. Wash 1 (1X SSC, 0.1% SDS) was done twice at room temperature for 5 min and Wash 2 (0.1X SSC, 0.1% SDS) was performed twice at 60°C for 15 min. The membrane was equilibrated in Buffer A (100 mM Tris-HCl, 150 mM NaCl, pH 7.5) for 1 min. The membrane was placed in blocking solution consisting of 1 g of dry milk in 100 mL of Maleic Acid Buffer (0.1M Maleic Acid, 0.15M NaCl, pH 7.5) for 1 hr. Anti-DIG alkaline phosphatase Ab was added to the blocking solution at a 1 : 20,000 dilution for 30 minutes. Washing was performed in buffer (0.1M Maleic Acid, 0.15M NaCl, 0.3% Tween 20, pH 7.5) twice for 15 min each. Detection buffer (0.1M Tris-HCl, 0.1M NaCl, pH 9.5) was added to the membrane for 5 min. After removal of the detection buffer the membrane was placed in a clear plastic bag and the substrate CSPD was placed on the membrane for 5 min. CSPD was removed and the membrane was incubated in the bag at 37°C for 15 min. The membrane was exposed to X-ray film for different lengths of time.

### LOS Analysis

Isolated LOS was boiled for 10 minutes and subjected to sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) on a 16.5% Tris-Tricine gel (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA). The gel was run at a constant current of 0.03 mA until the dye front reached the bottom of the gel. The gel was fixed overnight in a 40% ethanol, 5% acetic acid solution. The gel was washed for 1 hour with HPLC H<sub>2</sub>O. The gel was oxidized in a 0.833% periodic acid for 5 minutes and washed with HPLC H<sub>2</sub>O over 1.5 hours. LOS

was visualized by silver staining (0.42% NH<sub>4</sub>OH, 0.047 M AgNO<sub>3</sub>, 0.0225 M NaOH) (Tsai and Frasch, 1982).

#### LOS-Texas Red Staining Procedure

Bacteria were grown for 18 hours and diluted to a Klett of 100 (~10<sup>9</sup> CFU/ml). Cells were collected by centrifugation (3 ml @ 12,000 rpm for 5 min). After which, the cells were washed with Elix water and spun down @ 12,000 rpm for 5 min. 90 µl of H<sub>2</sub>O and 10µl LOS-conjugated TR were added to the cells and incubated for 10 minutes. 900 µl of H<sub>2</sub>O were added and htemixture was spinned down @ 12,000 rpm for 5 min. Excess LOS-TR conjugate was washed away with 1 ml H<sub>2</sub>O. The cells were spinned down again @ 12,000 rpm for 5 min and then resuspend cells 1 ml H<sub>2</sub>O. Two-fold dilutions were made and 1 µl was spotted on a glass slide, allowed to air dry and heat-fixed the slide. Cells were visualized by their ability to fluoresce after excitation with 505 nm light and detection at 565 nm.

#### Permeabilization Assays

Cell permeability was measured by performing a paracellular influx assay using horse radish peroxidase (HRP) (1µg/ml) and Fluorescein Isothiocyanate (FITC) (1 mg/ml). HRP or FITC were added to the apical side of the monolayer. HRP recovered in the basolateral chamber was measured enzymatically and the percentage calculated relative to the total amount added. The substrate used contained: sodium citrate (0.2 M), ABTS (2,2'-azino-bis(3-ethylbenzthiazoline -6-sulphonic acid) (1.5 mg/ml), H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (30%). The reaction was read at 405 nm. Fluorescence intensity of the basal media (FITC) was

measures with a fluorescent plate reader at 485 nm and 544 nm of excitation and emission wavelengths respectively. This assay ensured that integrity of the monolayer was intact after transmigration had occurred.

### Transcytosis Experiments

Bacterial cultures (MS11 *opa*<sup>-</sup>, MS11 wt *Opa*<sup>+</sup> and MS11 wt *Opa*<sup>-</sup>) were grown onto fresh media to ensure that live cells were used. Light microscopy will ensure the phenotypic characteristics of the wild type bacteria. Bacteria were suspended to a Klett of 100 and diluted to a concentration of  $1 \times 10^6$  cells/ml in media consisting of a 1:1 mixture of Dulbecco's modified Eagles's media and Ham's F12 medium as described before but in this case supplemented with 5% fetal bovine serum and 0.5% Kellogg's. T84 cells are incubated with invasion media described previously. Transepithelial resistance is measured to ensure polarization. Approximately  $1 \times 10^5$  bacteria were added to the apical domain of the transwell filter. The cells were incubated at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub> during different time points. Apical and basolateral fraction were collected and the number of bacteria in each domain was determined by diluting the fractions and plating them onto GCK. In addition, the number of cell associated and internalized bacteria were assessed by antibiotic protection assay (Schmitter et al. 2004). Cells associated with bacteria were incubated with 1% saponin for 15 min to lyse the cells and then diluted and plated onto GCK. Internalized bacteria were incubated in invasion media supplemented with 100 µg/ml gentamicin for 2 hours to kill all extra-cellular bacteria and then the cells were lysed with 1% saponin. Lysates were diluted and plated onto GCK (see Table 3).



When using inhibitors Cytochalsin D (1mg/ml), Imipramine (50 $\mu$ M) and EGTA (5mM), these were added 15 minutes before bacteria were added. The rest of the procedure was the same as described above.

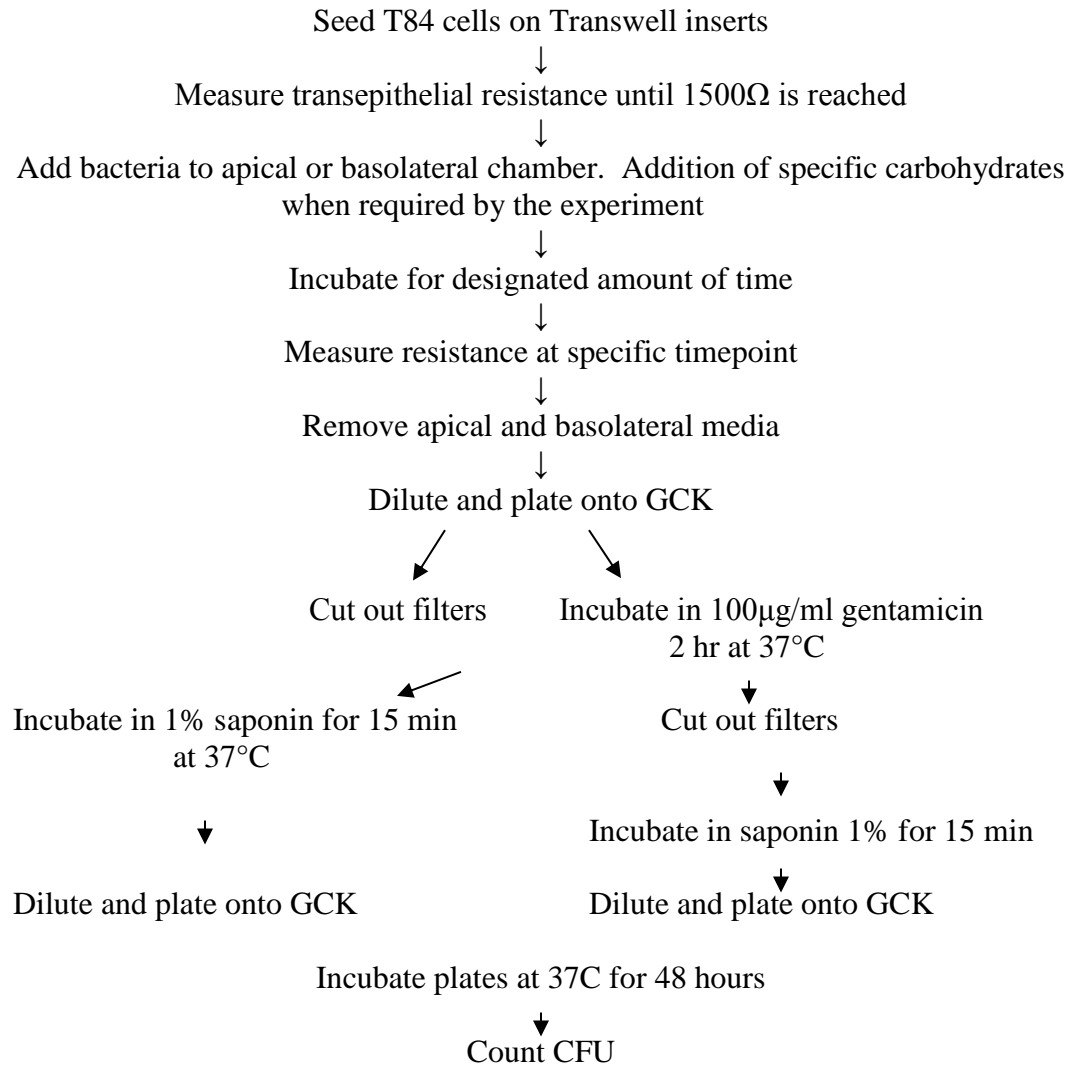
### ELISA

T84 cells were seeded and grown on filters as described above. After transcytosis experiments were performed for 6 hours, cell supernatants were collected and assayed for the presence of cytokines by cytokine sandwich ELISA. A protease inhibitor cocktail (Sigma-Aldrich) was added and each sample was stored at -80°C until analysis. Antibody pairs and recombinant standards for human TNF $\alpha$ , and IL-8 were purchased from BD Pharmingen (San Diego, CA). ELISAs were carried out according to protocols provided by BD Pharmingen. Streptavidin alkaline phosphatase and p-nitrophenyl phosphate substrate were purchased from Southern Biotech (Birmingham, AL) and used according to the manufacturer's specifications. Samples were read at 405 nm in 96-well, untreated, flat-bottom plates. Buffers and solutions used are listed in Table 4.

### Statistical Analysis

Statistical analysis was assessed using Prism software (GraphPad Software, San Diego, CA). *p*-values were determined using the Student's *t*-test.

Table 3. Diagram of protocol used for transcytosis experiments



### Immunofluorescence Staining and Confocal Microscopy

T84 cells ( $2 \times 10^5$ ) were prepared for confocal microscopy using the protocol described by Bacallao and Stelzer (1989) after transcytosis experiments were completed. Solutions used are listed in Table 5. Primary antibodies used were a rat anti-ZO1 (Transduction laboratories) ( $2.5\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) to stain the tight junctions, and a mouse anti-gonococcal outer membrane protein (US Biological) ( $1\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) to stain the gonococci. Secondary antibodies included Oregon Green goat anti rat IgG (Molecular Probes) ( $2\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) for the ZO-1, Alexa Fluor 633 goat anti-mouse IgG1 (Molecular Probes) ( $2\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) for the gonococci, and Alexa Fluor 546 phalloidin to stain the actin cytoskeleton of the T84 cells. TRITC was used in some experiments to delineate the length of the T84 monolayer. Stained cells were visualized with a Zeiss 710 Laser Scanning Confocal Microscope.

Table 4. ELISA Buffers

Coating Buffer (Binding Solution)

0.1 M Sodium carbonate pH 7.5

7.13 gr  $\text{NaHCO}_3$

1.59 gr  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$

q.s. to 1L

pH to 9.5 with 10N NaOH

Freshly Prepared and store at 2-8°C for up to 7 days.

Assay Diluent (Blocking Buffer)

PBS (80 gr NaCl) with 10% FBS (heat inactivated) pH 7.0

11.6 gr  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$

2.0 gr  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$

2. gr KCL

q.s to 1L

pH to 7.0

Freshly prepare or use within 3 days of preparation. Store 2-8°C.

Wash Buffer

PBS

0.05% Tween-20

Freshly prepare or use within 3 days of preparation. Store at 2-8°C.

Stop Solution

1M  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  or 2N  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$

Substrate Solution

Tetramethylbenzidine (TMB)

Hydrogen peroxide

Table 5. Confocal Microscopy Reagents

pH-Shift Method by Bacallao and Stelzer (Methods in Cell Biology, 1989, 31:437-452)

**10X PBS**

KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>      2gr  
 NaCl            80gr  
 NA<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>      11.5gr  
 Add 1000 ml of water  
 PH to 7.4 or 8.0 with NaOH  
 Dilute 1/10 for use (filter)

**10% Saponin**

store @ 4°C

**100mM Pipes/KOH**

PH to 6.8 with KOH

**50mM EGTA**

**100 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>**

**100mM Sodium Borate**

PH to 11 with NaOH

**1M NH<sub>4</sub>Cl**

**100mM Glycine** (Glycocol, Aminoacetic acid)

**75mM NH<sub>4</sub>CL, 20mM Glycine**

**80mM Pipes/KOH, 5mM EGTA, 2mMMgCl<sub>2</sub>**

PH @ 6.5; Store @ RT°

**Paraformaldehyde, 8% aqueous (Hood)**

**Components:**

- Paraformaldehyde (powder)
- NaOH, 1 N aqueous
- distilled H<sub>2</sub>O
- Store in a sealed bottle at 4° C
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**PBS-Saponin (100ml)**

2.5 ml 1% saponin

97.5 ml 1xPBS

**PBS-FSG-Saponin (100ml)**

2.5 ml 1% saponin

0.66gr FSG

97.5 ml 1xPBS

**NaBorate-PFA-Saponin (10ml)**

0.25 ml 1% saponin

5 ml 8% PFA

4.75 ml 100mM Na Borate

**10% Triton x 100**

9 ml 1xPBS in 50ml conical tube

1 ml Triton X-100 measured in 1cc syringe, no needle

Vortex to mix.

Make new solution weekly to avoid increased background labeling.

*To make 10 ml of 0.1% dissolve 100ul of 10% triton in 9.9 ml 1xPBS*

## Chapter 3: Construction and characterization of MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* strain

### 3.1 Introduction

Why create a GC strain that lacks all of *opa* genes? First of all, GC has the ability to undergo phase variation of several of its antigenic determinants to be able to interact and colonized the different cellular niches it encounters. It must do this since humans are the only host GC can infect. Antigenic variation makes it difficult to study the role of specific determinants in the interaction with human cells; therefore, it is necessary to create strains that express only one type of Opa in a completely Opa devoid background.

All *opa* genes are constitutively transcribed, but are regulated during translation due to a coding repeat sequence (CTCTT) located at the 5' terminus of the ORF that causes a slipped-strand mispairing mechanism that causes the sequence to be in frame or out of frame (Stern et al. 1986; Muralidhara et al. 1987; Belland et al., 1989; Meyer et al. 1989). Stern et al (1984) showed that when *opa* was cloned into *E. coli*, it was expressed even when out of frame. According to this, at any determine time, a gonococcus can express all 11 *opa* genes regardless if the gene is in or out of frame. Therefore, a single colony of a non-expressing Opa culture contains a bacterial mix with heterogenous Opa expression. For that reason, it is not in fact an Opa negative colony. According to Mayer (1982), the rate of phase variation of Opa expression is  $2 \times 10^3$  per CFU per generation. Bilek et al (2009) reported that in 14 distantly related strains there were no *opa* alleles in common, but in clinical isolates from related sexual networks, *opa* alleles were shared but variations were seen due to recombination of the existing alleles. This high

frequency variation makes it impossible to know which *opa* is expressed in vivo after a clinical sample has been taken.

James and Swanson (1978) first described the difference in colony appearance of GC isolated from male urethra and female cervix, as well as differences in isolates depending on the phase of the menstrual cycle. Challenge studies in men have demonstrated that after inoculating subjects with phenotypically Opa-negative GC, the recovered bacteria express Opa, and this correlated with the presence of symptoms (Schwalbe et al., 1985; Swanson et al., 1988; Jerse 1994; Schneider et al., 1996; Schmidt et al., 2000). The Opa variants recovered were different among the subjects at each study; therefore there was not one predominant Opa protein expressed among the subjects. These phase variations in vivo have been linked to the interaction GC has with different receptors on epithelial cells and leukocytes. Invasion into Chang epithelial cells suggested that a specific Opa protein (OpaC) confers on GC the ability to invade this cell line (Makino et al., 1991). Kupsch et al (1993) showed that depending on the Opa expressed, GC would interact with either epithelial cells or leukocytes. For this, they mutated *opaC*, so that GC would not express OpaC, while expressing other Opa proteins without variation.

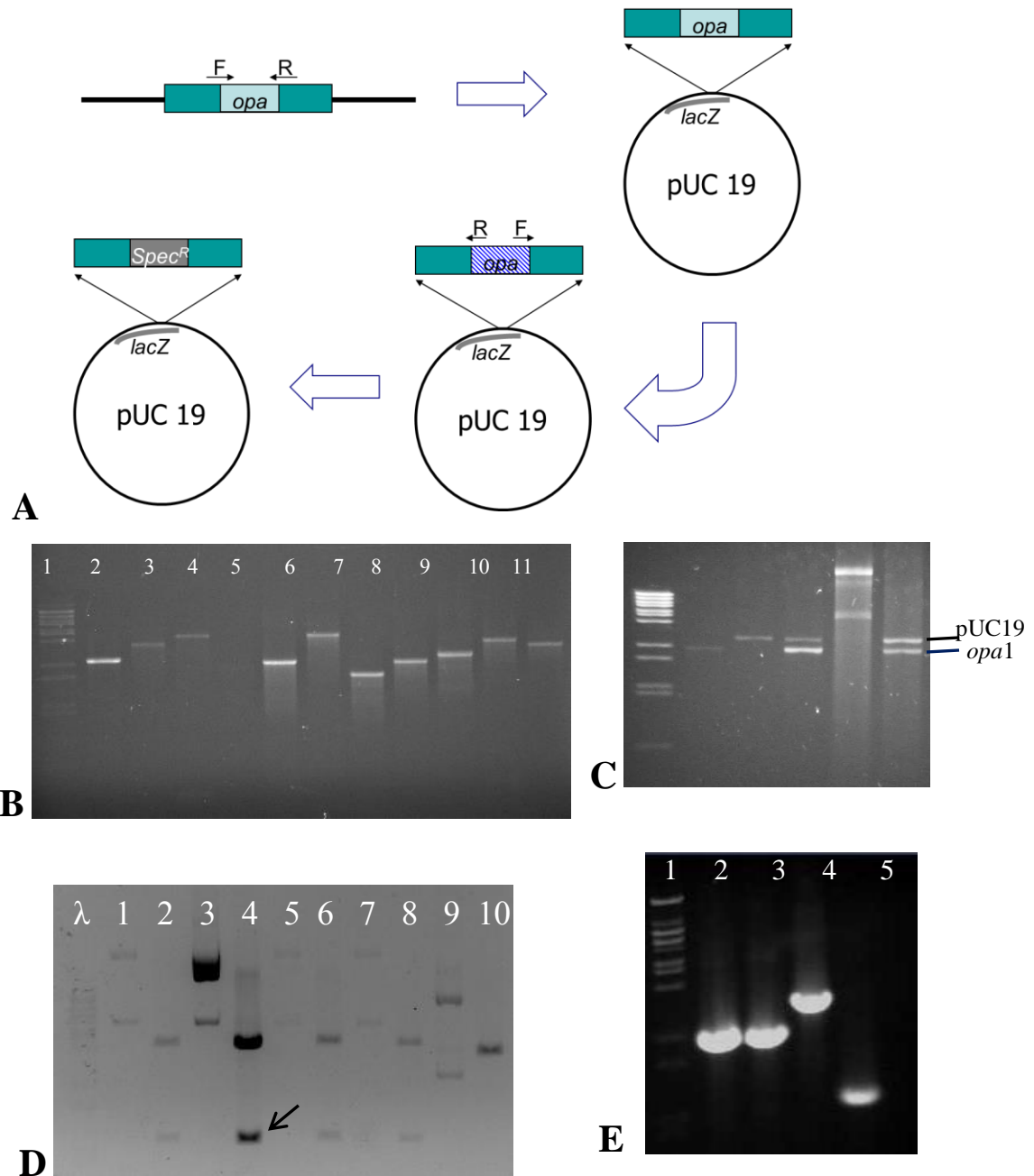
Previous studies have also shown that Opa contributes to formation of microcolonies. Using purified Opa and LOS from different strains, researchers suggested that Opa and LOS on adjacent gonococci interact, with the opaque morphology seen under the microscope resulting from the Opa-LOS interaction (Blake et al., 1995; Blake and Gotschlich, 1984; Porat N et al., 1995; van Putten and Robertson, 1995).



## 3.2 Results

3.2.1 Construction of *opa* deletion strain. The procedure used to obtain an isogenic strain completely lacking all of *opa* genes was done in five parts using different cloning and transformation techniques: First, creation of plasmids containing the *opa* genes, plus flanking sequences; second, deletion of *opa* sequence from these plasmids; third, introduction of a spectinomycin cassette into these plasmids; transformation of *N. gonorrhoeae* to delete the *opa* gene; and lastly, retransformation of the strain to remove the spectinomycin cassette.. This process is summarized in Figures 4 and 5.

To create plasmids that contained each one of the *opa* coding regions, primers for all 11 *opa* sequences were created based on the genomic sequence of strain FA1090 (available at NCBI at the time research was started) (see primers list). PCR amplification was used to generate DNA fragments corresponding to each *opa* gene from chromosomal DNA of MS11 WT strain (fig. 4B). Each PCR product was digested with restriction enzyme that had been introduced into the primers and also used to digest the plasmid pUC19. Digestion of the *opa* sequence and the plasmid was followed by ligation of the *opa* DNA into the pUC19 plasmid. Transformation of the ligated plasmid into *E. coli* was performed using the heat shock method (Inoue et al., 1990). *E. coli* was plated onto LB media containing ampicillin to identify colonies containing the pUC19 plasmid, and X-gal as an indicator to identify transformants that contained inserts. White colonies were identified and plasmid DNA was isolated, using the alkaline method. Confirmation that the transformed colonies contained the desired insert was performed by analysis of



**Figure 4. Cloning *opa* genes.**

Construction of deletion plasmids of *opa* genes. **A.** *opa* genes were cloned into pUC19 vector and then transformed into *E. coli*. Deletion PCR was performed to delete the *opa* gene and a spectinomycin cassette was inserted in its place. **B.** PCR of all *opa* genes from MS11 WT strain. **C.** *opa* gene plasmid. Lane 1  $\lambda$ , Lane 2 *opa1* PCR, Lane 3 pUC 19, Lane 4 *opa1* + pUC 19 digested with EcoRI and HindIII, Lane 5 miniprep extraction, Lane 6 miniprep digested with restriction enzymes. **D.** *E. coli* plasmids with Insertion of *Spec<sup>R</sup>* cassette (arrow). Lanes 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 show miniprep extraction while lanes 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 digested miniprep with PstI enzyme. **E.** Removal of *Spec<sup>R</sup>* cassette. Lane 1  $\lambda$ , Lane 2 and 3 PCR of *opa* 5 gene, Lane 4 *opa* gene deletion + *Spec<sup>R</sup>* cassette, Lane 5 *opa* gene deletion.

the mobility of DNA fragments generated after restriction digestion by agarose gel electrophoresis. The correct size was confirmed when DNA extracted from *E. coli* colonies run the same distance as the amplified fragment used in the cloning procedure (fig. 4C).

The *opa* sequence was deleted using a PCR deletion scheme where the coding portion of the *opa* gene was deleted by creating primers that would start from the upstream and downstream flanking regions of each *opa* gene and run in opposite ends amplifying the pUC19 plasmids and the *opa* ends (fig. 4A). These primers also introduced a restriction enzyme site (PstI) that would be used in the next step of this procedure. The PCR amplification was then digested and ligated onto itself. Transformation of *E. coli* was done again to create the deletion plasmids of each *opa* gene (fig. 4D).

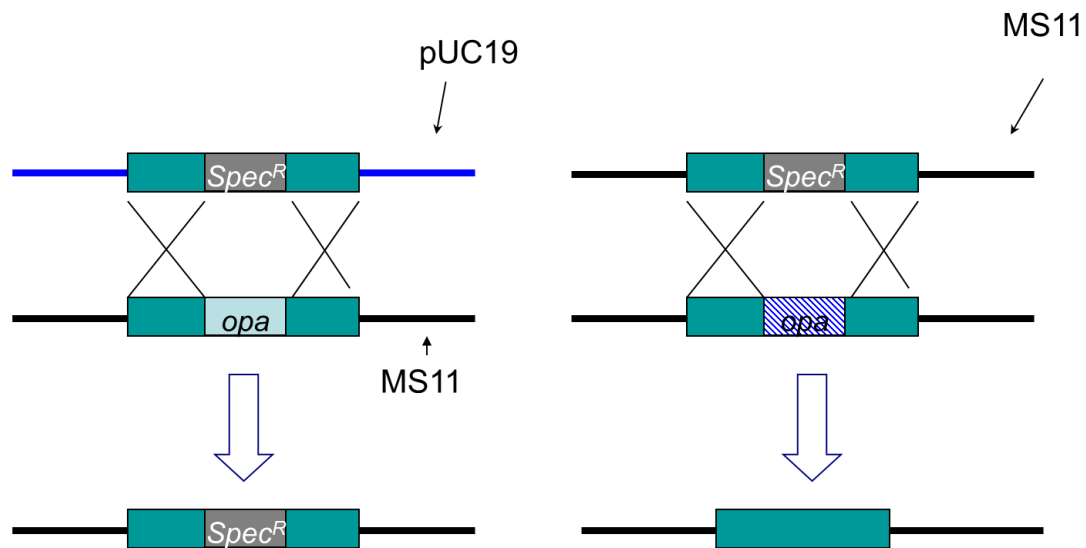
To expedite identification of *N. gonorrhoeae* transformants, an antibiotic resistance cassette was inserted in cis into the plasmid to allow for selection of transformed GC. A spectinomycin cassette was PCR-amplified from the pHP45 plasmid then, digested with PstI. Opa deletion plasmids were digested with the restriction enzyme PstI and ligated onto the spectinomycin cassette introduced in the place where the region of each *opa* sequence was located (fig. 4A). The validity of each construct was confirmed by analyzing digested samples on an agarose gel. Each sequence should have about 700 bp less from the deletion of the *opa* sequence and insertion of the spectinomycin cassette (fig. 4E).

Once the 11 deletions and spectinomycin plasmids were correctly constructed, the deletion constructs were used to transform *N. gonorrhoeae* MS11. The general procedure

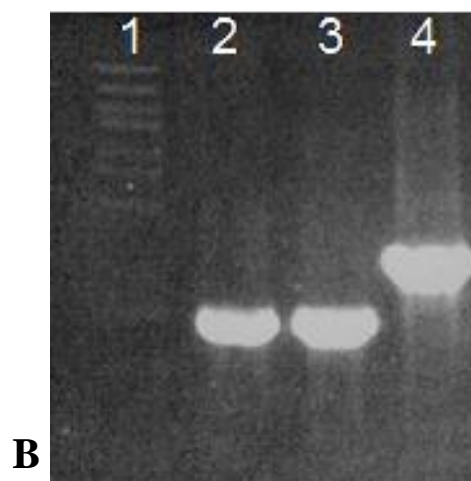
is shown in figure 5. Transformation of GC was done by incubating piliated GC MS11 with plasmid DNA for 4 hours in GCP broth with supplements (See Ch 2). Aliquots were plated onto GCK plates containing spectinomycin (30 µg/ml). Colonies that grew on the plates were verified by isolating DNA and digesting it with the appropriate restriction enzyme.

Once the spectinomycin resistant mutant was identified, a non-selective transformation procedure (Gunn and Stein, 1996) was used to identify colonies that had deleted the spectinomycin cassette from the original transformants. The isolated colonies were screened for incorporation of the deletion by PCR analysis. If the colony PCR yielded the desired product, the correct size fragment should be amplified. Once the mutant gonococci were identified, transformation with a new SpecR deletion plasmid was performed; followed by the spot transformation (fig. 5B). These procedures were repeated with nine of 11 *opa* genes present in *N. gonorrhoeae* strain MS11.

The *opa* genes 7 and 10 could not be removed with the spectinomycin procedure, because the cassette always inserted into other *opa* region. To delete these regions, transformation with the deletion PCR product for that *opa* was used. Groups of colonies were screened by PCR to look for the correct transformed GC. After the deletion of each one of the *opa* genes, PCR was performed to verify that the gene had been removed (fig 6). The primers used included the coding region plus a 1 -2 kb flanking region at both the 3' and 5 ' ends. Gene deletion was confirmed when a decrease in about 700 bp. The



**A**



**B**

**Figure 5. Creation of MS11Δ*opa* strain.**

**A.** Transformation of GC with *specR* plasmid is followed by transformation with the deletion plasmid leaving the gene flanking sequence. Colonies growing on GCK but not on GCK+ spectinomycin are selected. **B.** Lane 1  $\lambda$ , Lane 2 PCR with *opa1* primers of MS11 WT, Lane 3 PCR with *opa1* primers of MS11Δ256, Lane 4 PCR with *opa1* primers of MS11Δ256 transformed with plasmid DNA *opa* 1ΔS.

deletion started at the first nucleotide of the TATAA box of the promoter to the stop codon of the *opa* sequence (see appendix 1 for sequences).

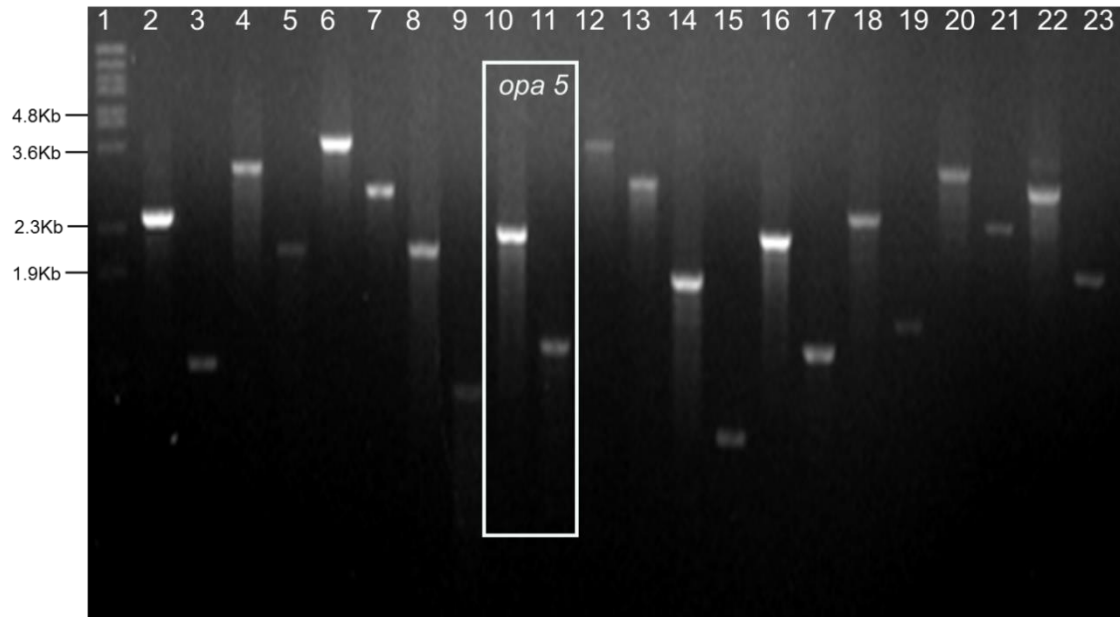
### 3.2.2 Confirmation of deletion of *opa* gene related sequences

After confirming by PCR that all 11 *opa* genes had been removed, Southern Hybridization experiments were performed to ensure that additional sequences that could be related to *opa* were not present. For this, a probe was made with the mixture of all PCR amplicons using the primers utilized to sequence each of the 11 *opa* genes. These sequences contained the conserved region of *opa* as well as the variable regions present in all *opa* genes.

Figure 7 shows the  $\lambda$  standard digested with BstEII, the MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* and MS11 WT strains. MS11 variants were digested with BglI overnight and the DNA was analyzed on a 1% TBE agarose gel for 18 hours to ensure separation of all the bands. MS11 WT variant shows 12 bands, which agrees with a paper published by Bhat et al (1992) where one of the *opa* genes has a BglI site producing two bands (800 bp and 2400 bp). MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* variant showed no bands. These results show that our deletion strain has no *opa* genes presents or other sequences related to *opa*.

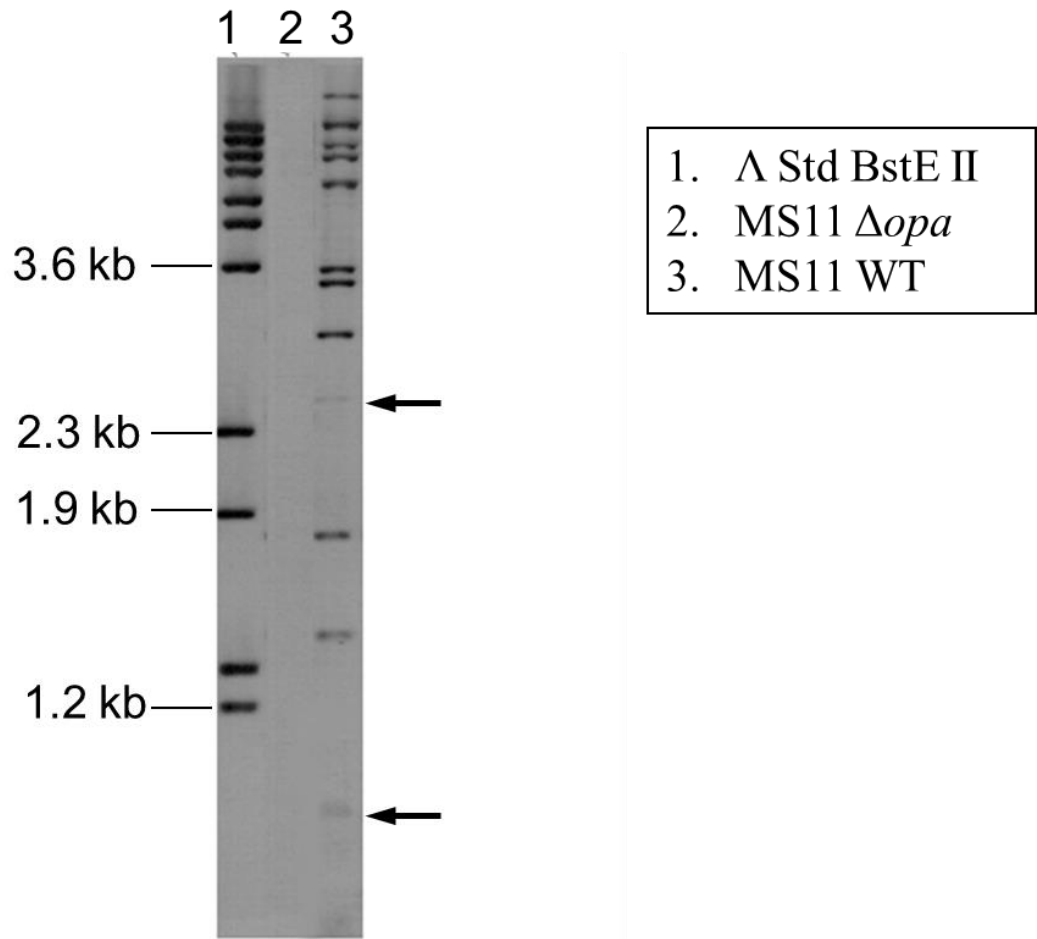
### 3.2.3 LOS analysis of the deletion strain

SDS-PAGE analysis was performed on extracts of each mutant to investigate if the LOS profile of the deletion strain had changed after all the genetic manipulations. LOS samples of all 11 variant were analyzed and the data in figure 8 shows that all 11



**Figure 6. PCR analysis**

Verification of *opa* deletions by PCR. *Opa*-encoding DNA fragments were amplified by PCR using the primer pairs described in Table 1. Amplicons were analyzed on a 1% agarose gel. Lane 1.  $\Lambda$  standard digested with BstEII. Lane pairs represent DNA fragments of each *opa* gene of strains MS11WT and MS11 $\Delta opa$ , respectively. Rectangle shows the PCR product of *opa 6* for WT and  $\Delta opa$  strain.



**Figure 7. Southern Hybridization**

Chromosomal DNA from MS11 WT and MS11 $\Delta opa$  were digested with BglI overnight and then probed with oligomers made for each *opa* gene using the primers Opa5-all and Opa3-all. The samples were analyzed by gel electrophoresis on a 1% agarose gel. The samples were run for 18 hours. Lane 1.  $\lambda$  Standard digested with BstEII, Lane 2. MS11 $\Delta opa$  digested with BglI and Lane 3. MS11 WT digested with BglI. Arrows show *opa* with BglI site produces two bands 800b and 2400bp.



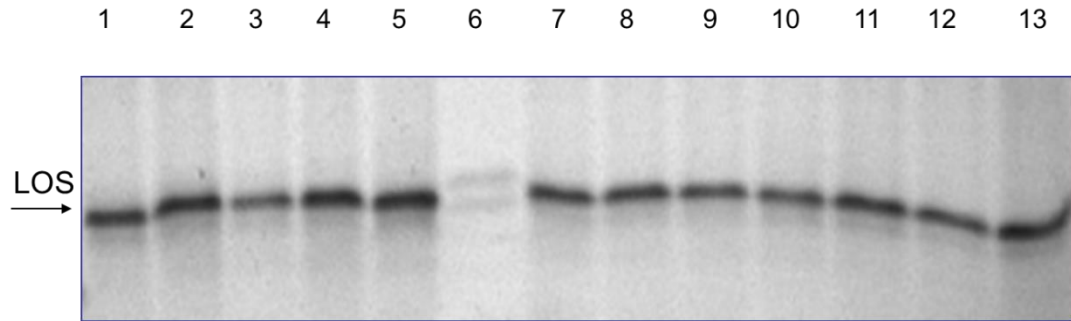
variants produce the same LOS size as the parent MS11 strain. This indicates that LOS profile of MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* strain did not change through the deletion procedures.

#### 3.2.4 Growth rate of MS11 Variants

To determine if the MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* variant was altered in its growth properties, the growth rate of the various mutations was determined, comparing the growth rate of MS11*Opa*<sup>+</sup>, MS11*Opa*<sup>-</sup>, and MS11 $\Delta$ *Opa*. Bacteria were grown in GCP containing growth supplements for 7 hours in a 37C shaking incubator. The data in figure 9 shows that all three strains produced similar growth curves, demonstrating that MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* has no in vitro growth defects.

#### 3.2.5 Morphology arrangements of different Opa expressing strains

Translucent and opaque colonies have been described previously (Swanson 1978) suggesting that difference in colony morphology were due to interaction of neighboring GC. Some of these interactions can be observed in the absence of piliation. We analyzed the arrangement of gonococci when grown in broth cultures and examined the effect on bacterial cell-cell interaction that the lack of Opa has in MS11 $\Delta$ *opa*. Non-Piliated GC were grown in GCP broth for 7 hours after which time microscopic slides were prepared by heat fixing a sample to the slide with subsequent staining with crystal violet. The data in figure 11 show that MS11 WT<sup>+</sup> variant produced large clusters of bacteria, while the MS11 WT<sup>-</sup> variant showed some small clusters but also presented gonococci that were dispersed. The MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* variant was observed always dispersed and the clusters seen had very few gonococci arranged in clusters greater than 4 bacteria. Since the bacteria



**Figure 8. LOS analysis**

LOS samples were analyzed by SDS-PAGE and silver stained. Control lanes show strains MS11 wt (1) and F62 (6). Lanes 2-13 show LOS from each variant during the process of *opa* deletion.

Lane 1 – MS11WT

Lane 2 - MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* 2

Lane 3 - MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* 8

Lane 4 - MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* 5

Lane 5 - MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* 11

Lane 6 - F62

Lane 7 - MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* 6

Lane 8 - MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* 3

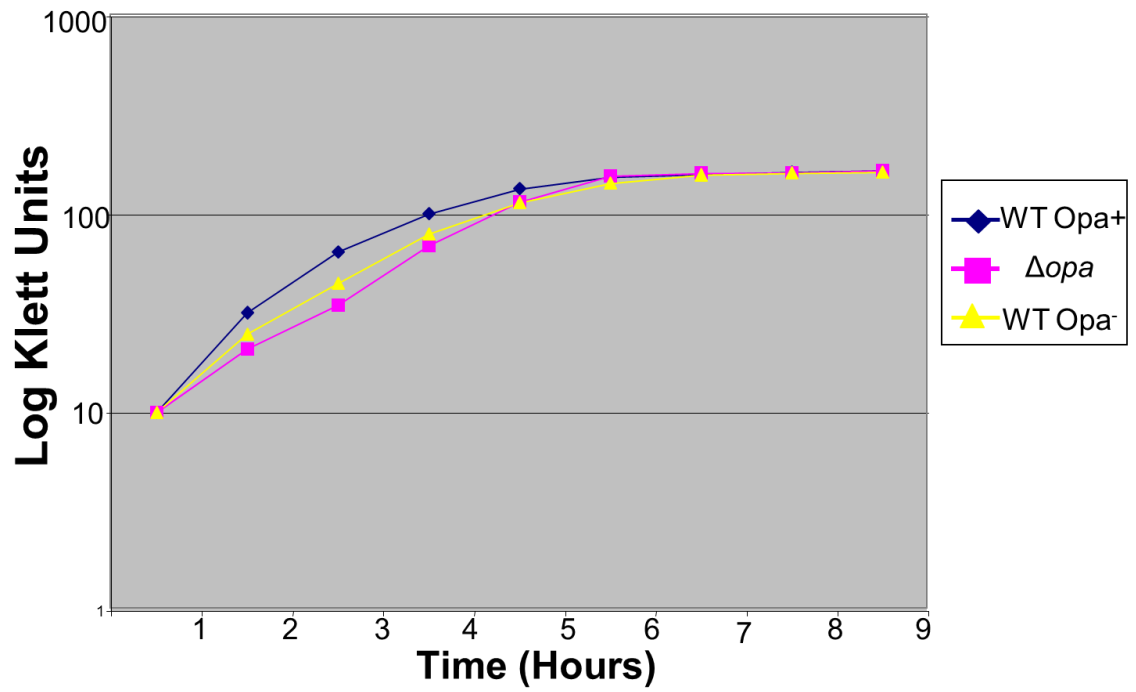
Lane 9 - MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* 4

Lane 10 - MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* 1

Lane 11 - MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* 9

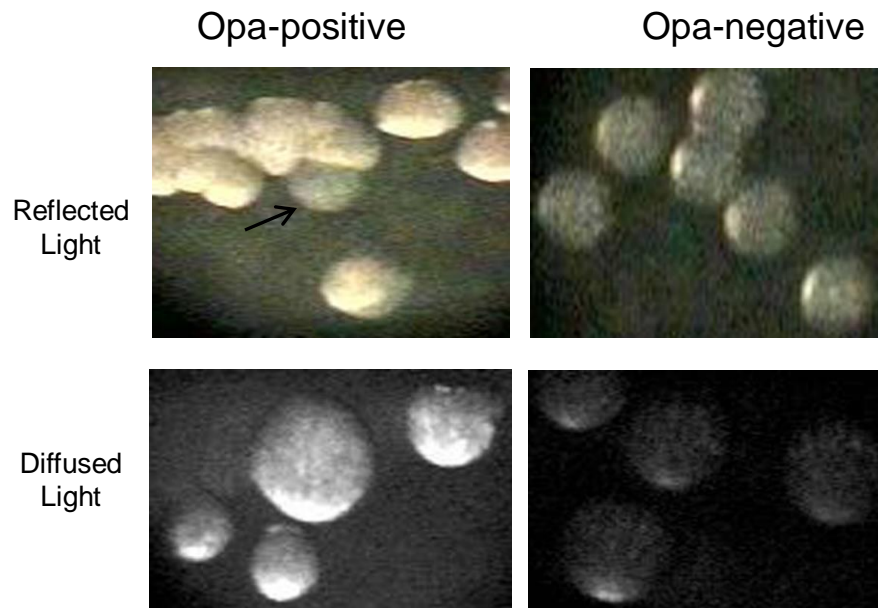
Lane 12 - MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* 7

Lane 13 - MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* 10

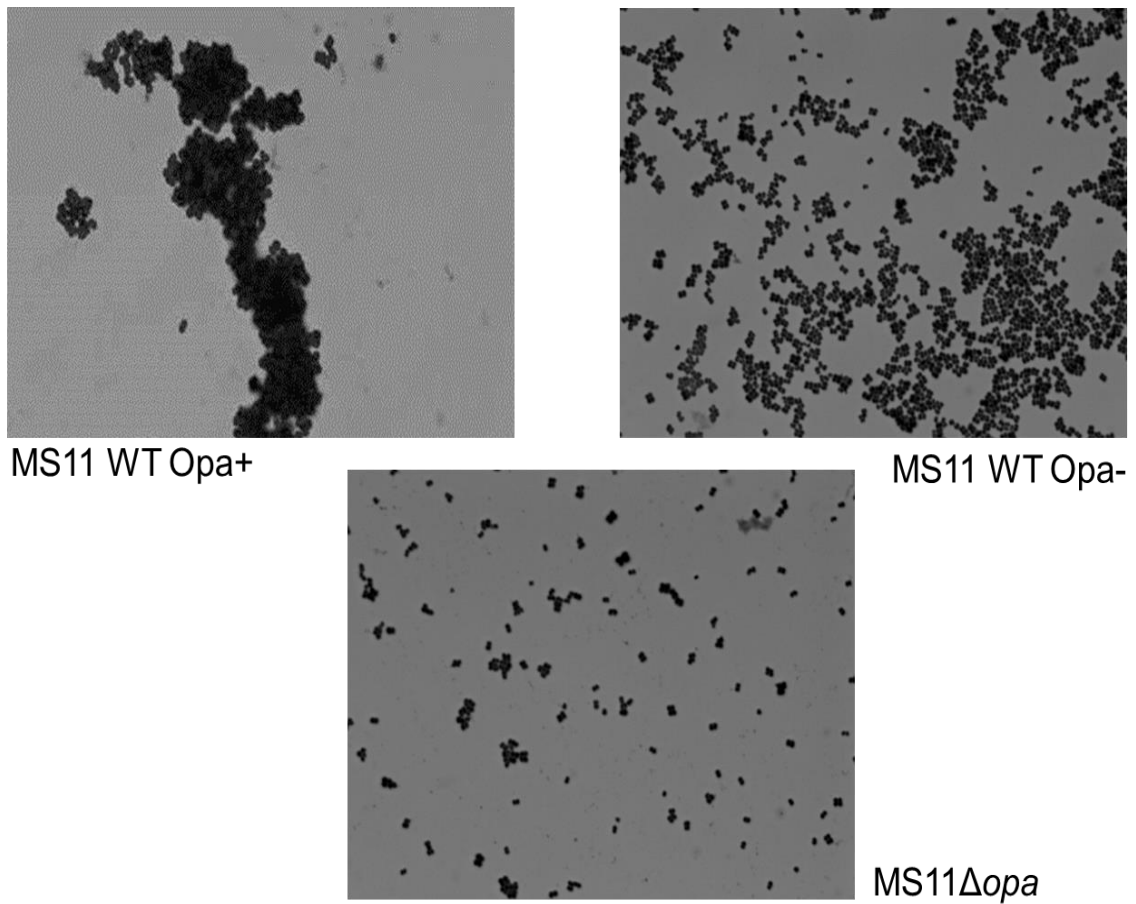


**Figure 9. Growth curve of MS11 variants.**

Bacteria were grown in a 10 ml GCP broth plus growth supplements and incubated at 37°C with shaking. The turbidity of the cultures was measured every hour. ▲ MS11 WT-; ♦ MS11 WT+; ■ MS11Δ*opa*.



**Figure 10. Microscopic observation of Opa colonies. *N. gonorrhoeae* MS11 expressing Opa protein and  $\Delta opa$  strain.**  
 Pictures show Opa expressing gonococci and Opa negative gonococci (MS11 $\Delta opa$ ) observed with a stereomicroscope. Two light settings were used: Setting 1: using the reflected light. Arrow points to Opa negative GC. Setting 2: using the diffused light.



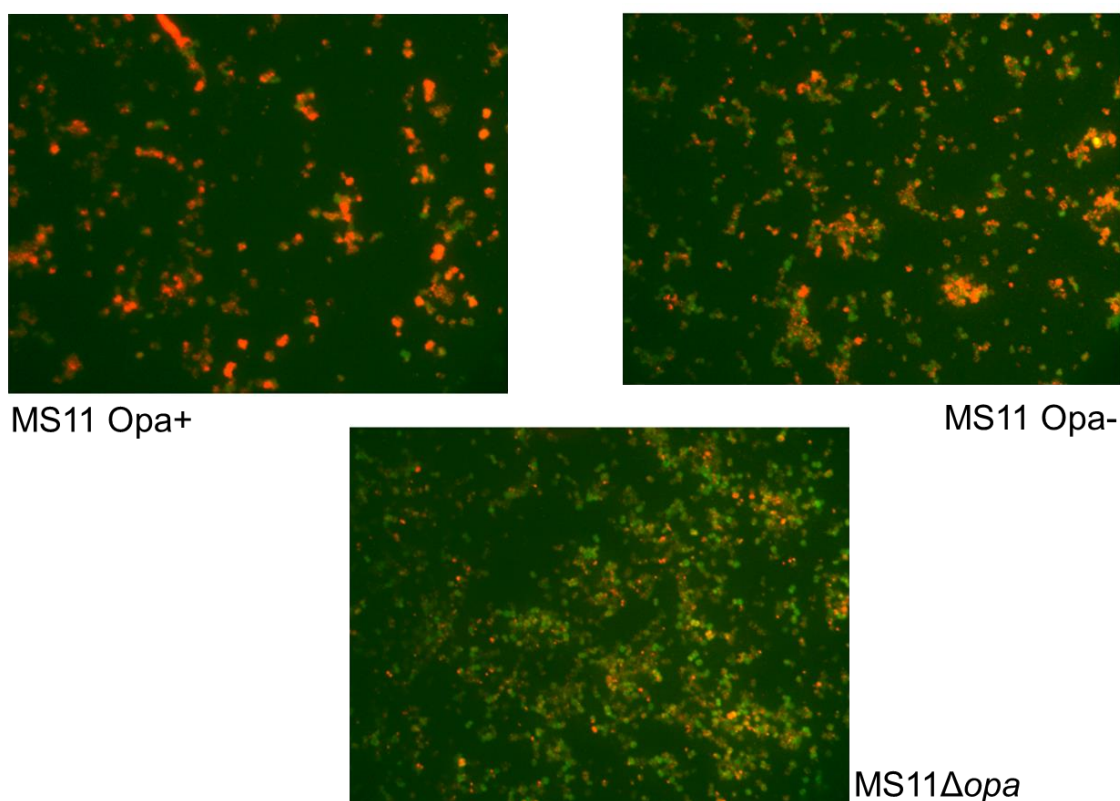
**Figure 11. Morphological arrangement of MS11 variants visualized by light microscopy.**

Non-piliated MS11 variants were grown in GCP broth for 7 hours with gentle shaking. Aliquots were stained with crystal violet after heat fixed on glass microscope slides and analyzed with light microscopy.

used were non-piliated, these results suggest that the differences in the interaction between the cells were due to Opa binding to ligands on adjacent cells.

### 3.2.6 Opa-LOS interactions

Previous studies have shown that Opa proteins bind to carbohydrate structures on LOS molecules of adjacent gonococci (Blake et al., 1995). In order to study the ability of Opa to bind LOS of adjacent gonococci, a fluorochrome was conjugated to the lacto-N-neotetraose LOS. Gonococci were grown overnight and mixed with the conjugate. After 10 minutes incubation, unbound conjugate was washed away with water. Slides were observed with a fluorescent microscope. The results seen in figure 12 showed that MS11 WT+ strain was highly labeled by the conjugate. MS11 WT- strain had an intermediate staining suggesting that this strain still expresses some levels of Opa while MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* strain did not bind the labeled LOS. These results suggest that Opa does bind LOS of adjacent gonococci creating the colony morphology observed (fig. 10) as well as it suggest that gonococci that phenotypically are considered as not expression Opa proteins are still capable of expressing Opa proteins to some degree.



**Figure 12. Fluorescent microscopy of Texas Red-LOS Conjugate with gonococci.**

Gonococci were grown overnight to  $1 \times 10^9$  centrifuged and resuspended in  $H_2O$ . Cells were incubated for 10 minutes with Texas red-LOS Conjugate. Cells were washed several times with water and slides were viewed on a Fluorescent microscope. Gonococci were located by autofluorescence using GFP channel (green), and cells binding LOS-Texas red were visualized using a 558 nm wavelength filter.

### 3.3 Discussion

*N. gonorrhoeae* expresses different surface molecules that aid in the invasion process of epithelial cells, such as Opa, pili and LOS. These molecules undergo mechanisms of antigenic variation (Muralidharan et al., 1987; Burch et al., 1997; Hamrick et al., 2001) creating a different array of disease outcomes depending on the host cells and molecules expressed by the gonococci. The role of Opa in gonococcal infections has been widely studied, but the presence of many *opa* genes in one gonococcus makes it difficult to elucidate the true role of Opa in pathogenesis; not only for the redundancy of the *opa* genes, but also for the many different receptors to which Opa can interact with on the host cell. All the studies done previously used phenotypically Opa negative gonococci. As shown by our study, phenotypically Opa negative gonococci are still able to express Opa proteins to some degree making difficult to understand the exact function of Opas in infection.

In this study, a variant of *N. gonorrhoeae* MS11 that lacks all *opa* genes was constructed. MS11 strain has 11 genes that code for the expression of Opa (Bhat et al., 1991). The procedure used to introduce these deletions was straightforward but lengthy because it required the step-wise removal one gene at a time until all 11 *opa* genes were removed.

Because LOS is another important surface molecule that undergoes phase variation, the conservation of LOS expression by each variant was assessed to ensure that LOS expression did not undergo any change. While the variant and the parental strain



grew at the same rate, the two strains differed greatly in the interactions that Opa proteins have with adjacent gonococci. When analyzing gonococci after growing in broth cultures, the data indicate that the *opa* negative variant does not bind other gonococci like Opa expressing bacteria do. Our variant lacks the ability to form large clusters/microcolonies, suggesting that the interaction between Opa and LOS is required to produce microcolonies. Since MS11  $\Delta opa$  could not bind to conjugated LOS, this confirmed that LOS-Opa interaction causes the formation of microcolonies as well as creating the different colony morphology observed in gonococcal plates. Taken together, these results suggest that MS11  $\Delta opa$  can be used to perform pathogenicity experiments to understand the role of Opa expression during infection when compared with wild type strains.

## **Chapter 4: Interaction of *N. gonorrhoeae* with T84 colonic epithelial cells.**

### **4.1 Introduction**

*N. gonorrhoeae* infects only humans and there is not an appropriate animal model that would mimic all aspects of the pathogenic mechanisms GC causes in humans. GC must be able to invade the mucosal lining to cause ascended and disseminated infections (Mosleh et al., 1997). Disseminated infection involves GC crossing the epithelium to gain access to subepithelial tissues to be able to move from the primary site of infection. Previous work using fallopian tubes and ureteral tissue have shown that GC can infect and traverse stratified epithelium (Mosleh et al., 1997; Gorby et al., 2001).

*N. gonorrhoeae* uses different mechanisms to adhere to and invade into epithelial cells and eventually to infect host tissues. GC has many surface determinants that undergo phase variation that allow the bacterium to escape the immune system and cause the different array of observed outcomes. Among these are pili, LOS and Opa. Pili promote the initial binding of GC to epithelial cells. In several investigations, experiments performed with piliated and nonpiliated GC (Stephens et al., 1982) showed that even though non piliated GC bound to fallopian tube cells at a lower rate than piliated GC, they were still capable of binding these cells. Using T84 cells, Criss and Seifert (2006) found that GC alters its type IV pili during infection but a population is not specifically selected. Retraction of the pili fiber brings GC closer to the host cell where other virulence determinants can continue the process (Higashi et al., 2009). In the

absence of Opa expression, LOS has been shown to mediate the invasion into epithelial cells (Song et al., 2000).

Opas are known to promote an intimate attachment between GC and epithelial cells through CEACAM or HSPG receptors (Wang et al., 1998). Non-piliated GC can invade human epithelial cells by expressing Opas that use HSPG or CEACAM as their cellular receptor. Cell lines used to study Neisserial interaction with epithelial cells have different expression profiles of CEACAM receptors. HeLa cervix carcinoma cells and HEC-1-B endometrial carcinoma cell lines are negative for the expression of CEACAMs. ME-180 cervix carcinoma cell line produces high levels of CEACAM5 and CEACAM6 but no CEACAM1 (Swanson et al., 2001; Muenzner et al., 2002). T84 cells express CEACAM1, CEACAM5 and CEACAM6 (Wang et al., 1998).

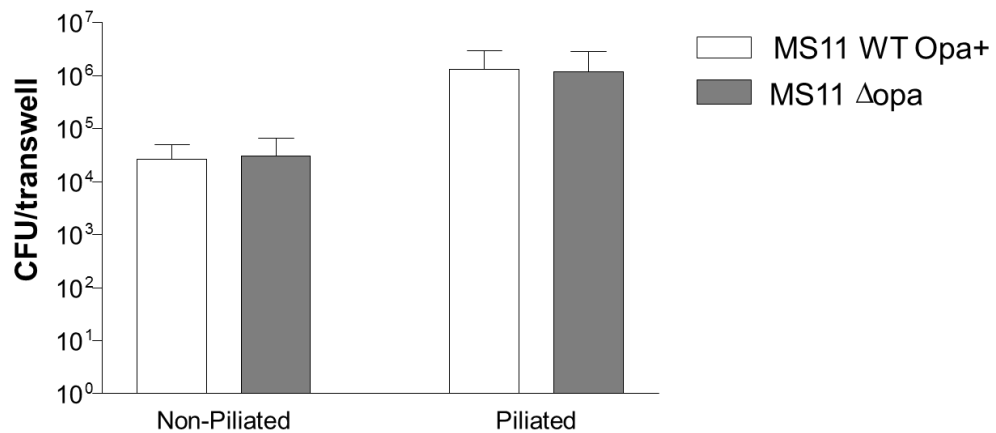
Due to the lack of an animal model, tissue culture cells can be used to study the interaction of GC with polarized epithelial cells. The T84 human colon carcinoma cell line has been used because T84 cells show similarities to epithelial cells *in vivo* such as generation of microvilli on their apical surface, and the ability to form a polarized monolayer with tight cell to cell junctions when grown on filters (Madara et al., 1987; Dharmasathaphorn and Madara 1990; Madara et al. 1992). Transcytosis experiments have been widely used to study the interaction between different microorganisms such as *Campylobacter jejuni*, *Salmonella*, *E. coli* and *Enterococcus* with epithelial cells (Bras et al., 1999; Burns et al., 2001; Finlay and Falkow, 1990; McCormick et al., 1995; Zeng et al., 2004). Transcytosis experiments have been performed with the use of Transwell

membrane supports that create a two-chamber culture system in which monolayers of T84 epithelial cells cover the membrane. Media in the upper chamber is in contact with the apical layer while media in the lower chamber is in contact with the basolateral layer.

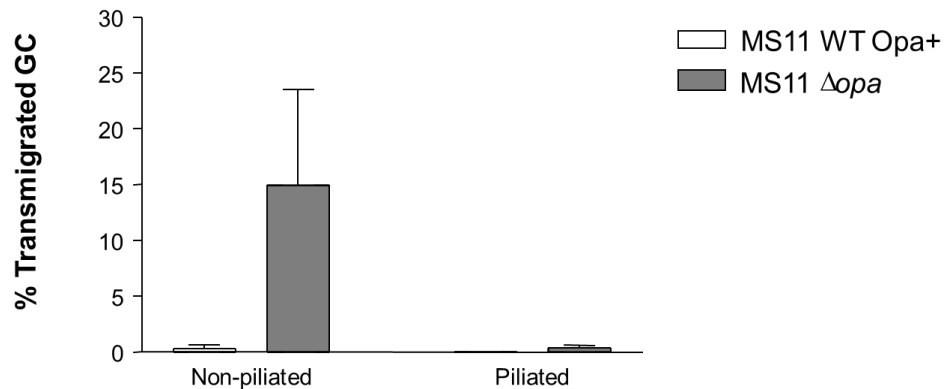
## 4.2 Results

4.2.1 Effect of GC piliation on cell association of T84 cells. Pili are important colonization factors that mediate the attachment of *N. gonorrhoeae* to epithelial cells (Swanson J., 1973; Pusalang et al., 1973). In order to study the effect of surface factors on the interaction of GC with polarized T84 cells, a transwell system was used to analyze these differences. Piliated and non-piliated strains of MS11 Opa<sup>+</sup> and MS11 $\Delta$ opa were added to the apical chamber and number of CFU recovered after four hours of incubation determined. To assess the attachment of bacteria to the monolayer, the filters were washed three times with media to remove non-associated bacteria. The filters were treated with 1% saponin to recover the associated bacteria. As shown in fig. 13A, non-piliated bacteria attached to the monolayer 100 fold less than piliated bacteria. This result was the same for both strains showing that pilus mediates an attachment to host cells irrespective of whether the bacteria expressed Opa.

To investigate if pili have an effect on bacterial transmigration across the polarized epithelia, the number of CFU recoverable from the basolateral chamber after four hours of incubation was determined. The results in figure 13, panel B show that 15% of cell associated non piliated MS11 $\Delta$ opa bacteria transmigrated the monolayer.



**A. Cell Associated GC**



**B. Transmigrated GC**

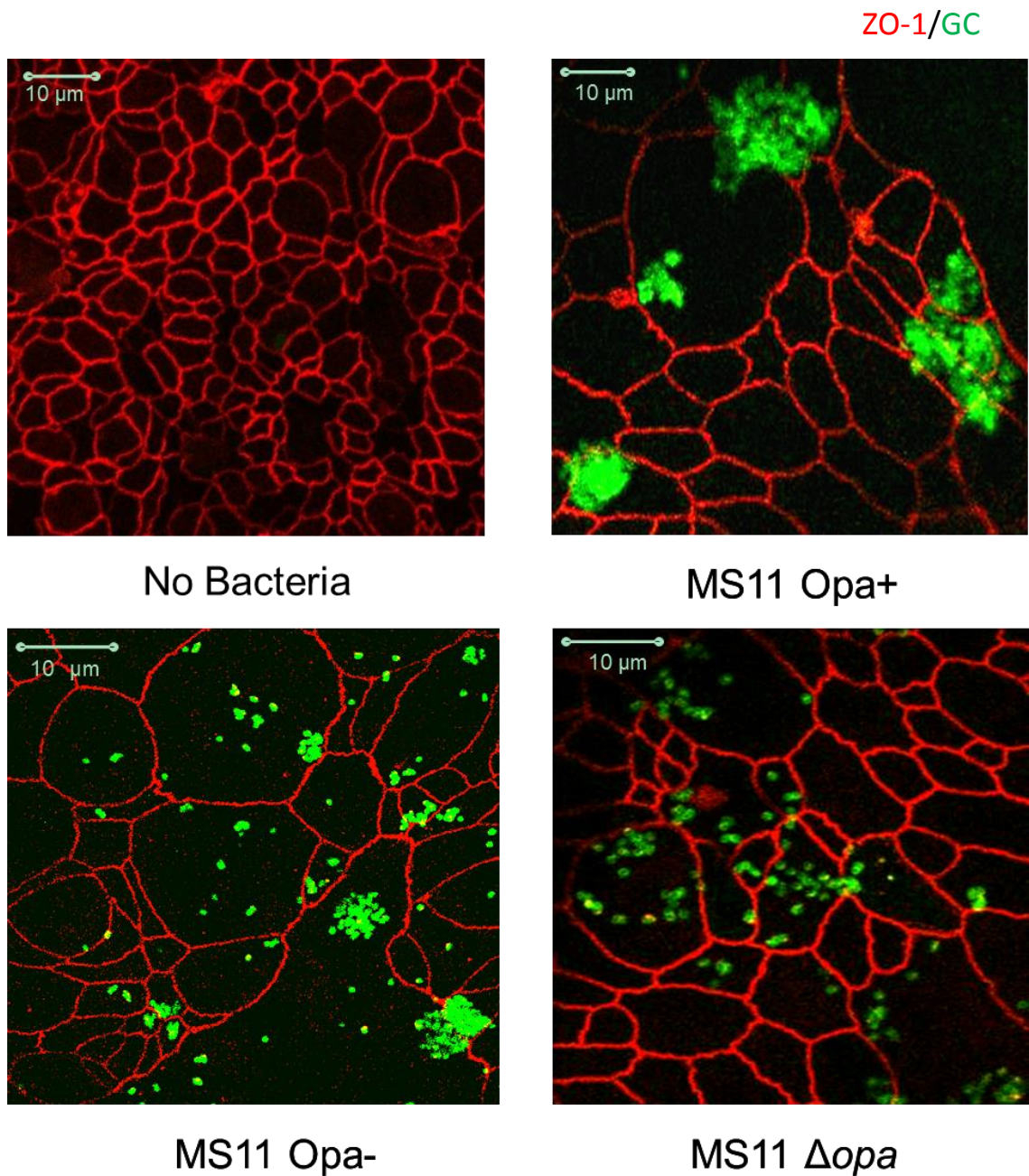
**Figure 13. Effects of piliation on gonococcal interaction with polarized epithelia.** *N. gonorrhoeae* was added to polarized T84 cells grown on transwells at a MOI of 10:1. After four hour incubation period, aliquots were plated onto GCK. After 24 hours, colonies were counted and observed under light microscopy to determine pili phenotype. **A.** Data represents cell associated GC. Filters were washed three times with media to remove non associated bacteria. Membranes were removed and treated with 1% saponin, then plated. **B.** Data represents percent of cell associated bacteria recovered in basolateral chamber. After 4 hour incubation aliquot was plated onto GCK. Data represents mean values ( $\pm$  SD) of three independent experiments.

Occasionally, a very small number of colonies were recovered from the non-piliated MS11 Opa<sup>+</sup> strain as well as a very small number of piliated bacteria from both strains.

This suggests that lack of pili results in an increase in the ability of the bacteria to cross the epithelial barrier. It also suggested that lack of Opa expression allows for the transmigration of epithelial cells. Previous studies (Makino et al., 1991; Chen et al., 1995) have shown that mostly pilus- GC are able to enter epithelial cells. This also agrees with our results that indicate that pilus- GC cross the polarized epithelial barrier more efficiently.

#### 4.2.2 Expression of Opa changes how GC interacts with polarized epithelia.

Studies have shown how GC can form microcolonies when interacting with epithelial cells (Griffiss et al., 1999). Since the phenotypic differences of GC depended on the expression of Opa (see figure 14), the impact of Opa expression on GC interaction with T84 polarized epithelial cells was analyzed. T84 cells were seeded on transwell filters and after 7-10 days, when the resistance was higher than 1000  $\Omega/\text{cm}^2$ , bacteria were added at a MOI of 10:1. After 6 hr of infection, filters were washed, fixed and stained with antibodies against tight junction protein ZO-1 (red) and with anti-gonococcal antibody (green). The data indicate that the strains arrange differently when interacting with polarized epithelial depending on the expression of Opa. MS11WT strain that expresses Opa (MS11 Opa<sup>+</sup>) formed large microcolonies that appear to be lying on top of the tight junctions. MS11 Opa<sup>-</sup>, a strain that does not express significant levels of Opa forms some microcolonies, but can also be seen as diplococci or individual GC. This is in contrast with our strain genetically devoid of Opa expression which can be observed as



**14. Distribution of GC Interacting with polarized T84 cells.** GC were incubated at a MOI 10:1 with polarized T84 cells during 6 hours. T84 cells were grown on transwells until epithelial resistance was over  $1,000 \Omega/\text{cm}^2$ . After the incubation time, membranes were cut and fixed using the pH-shift method for preparing samples for confocal microscopy by Bacallao and Stelzer (1989). Tight junctions are stained with antibody against ZO-1 protein (red); GC (green).

individual GC or diplococci. These results agree with observations made in chapter 3, which demonstrated that GC aggregate when Opa is expressed, resulting in the formation of large microcolonies. In the absence of Opa, microcolonies are rarely formed and appear as dispersed colonies on the monolayer.

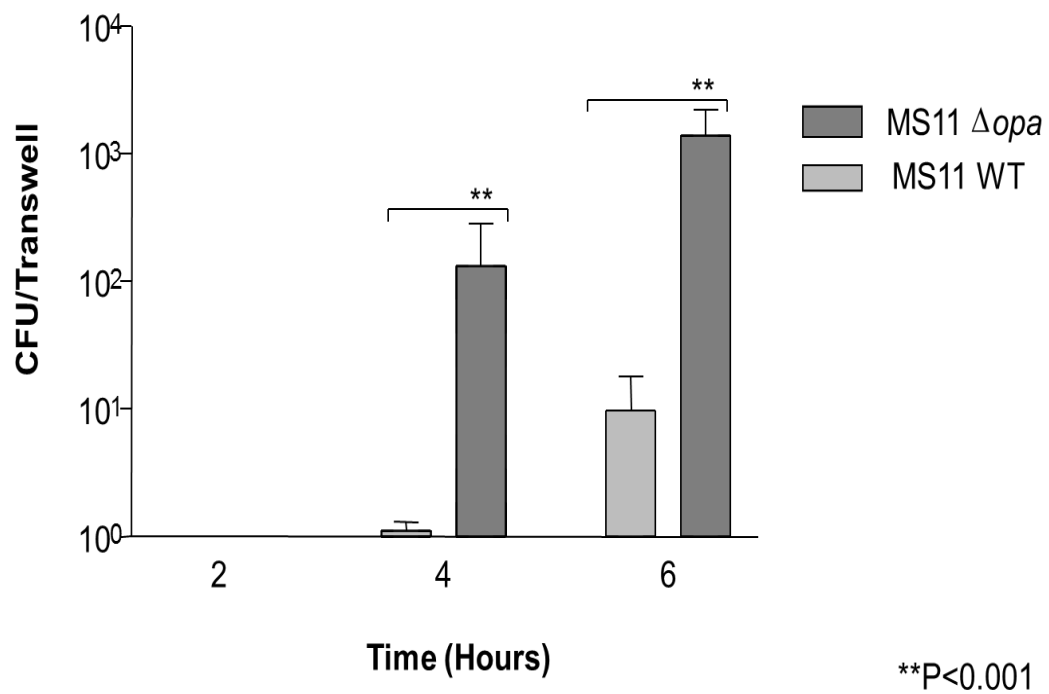
#### 4.2.3 Transmigration of strain MS11 $\Delta$ opa.

Previous studies have shown that GC transmigrate across polarized T84 cell monolayers in 18 hr (Merz et al., 1996). Our data described above showed that GC could be found in the basolateral chamber in 6 hrs. To investigate the time required for MS11 $\Delta$ opa to transmigrate across T84 monolayers, cells were seeded on transwell filters and after 7-10 days when the resistance was higher than 1000  $\Omega$ /cm<sup>2</sup> bacteria were added at a MOI of 10:1. Media from the basolateral chamber was recovered after 2, 4 and 6 hours respectively. The data indicate that after 4 hours, 1x10<sup>2</sup> CFU were recovered in the basolateral chamber (Fig.15A). When compared with the WT strain, MS11 $\Delta$ opa had 100 fold higher number of CFU than the WT strain and after 6 hours the same proportion was observed (fig. 15B). This is in apparent contradiction with published literature that showed that GC transcytosis took 24 hr (Merz et al., 1996).

#### 4.2.4 Opa expression increases cell association but decreases transmigration of epithelial cells.

Many studies have shown that expression of different Opas affect the interaction with epithelial cells. To investigate if there was a difference in the interaction of various strains with polarized epithelia, WT strains that phenotypically expressed Opa or did not expressed Opa (MS11 Opa<sup>+</sup> and MS11 Opa<sup>-</sup> respectively) and MS11 $\Delta$ opa

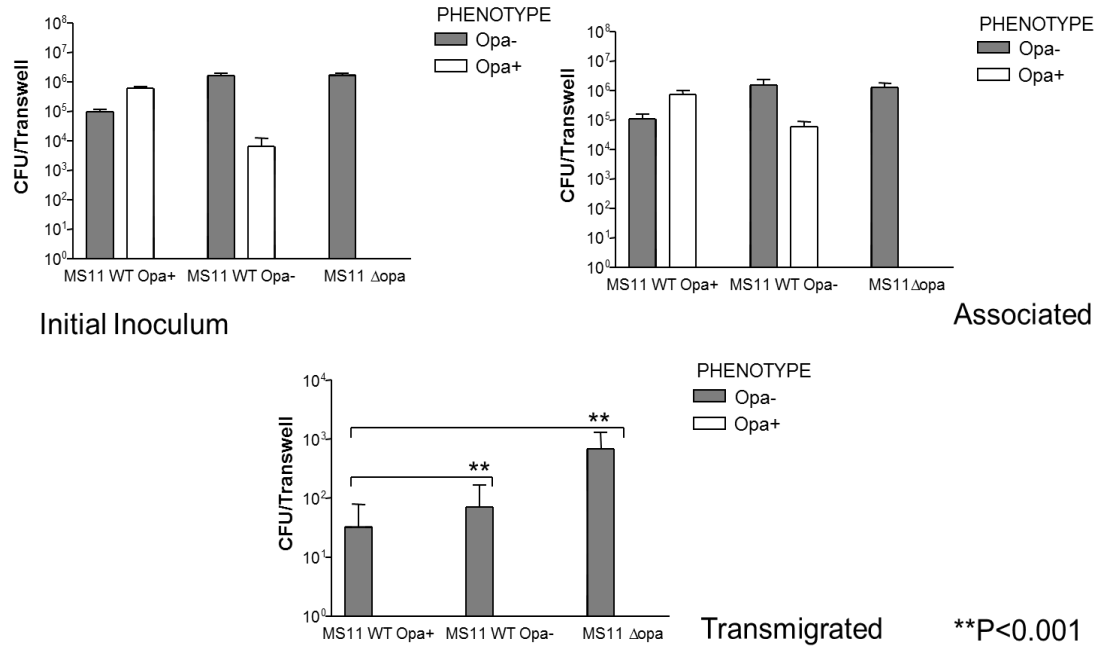




**Figure 15. Time course of *N. gonorrhoeae* transmigration.** *N. gonorrhoeae* was added to polarized T84 cells grown on transwells at a MOI of 10:1. After specific incubation periods, aliquots were plated onto GCK. After 24 hours, colonies were counted. Data represent MS11 $\Delta opa$  and WT strains recovered from the basolateral chamber at 2, 4 and 6 hours after infection. Data represents mean values ( $\pm$  SD) of three independent experiments. \*\* denotes statistical significance  $P < 0.001$ .

were used. T84 cells were seeded onto filters and after polarization aliquots of these strains were added. The Opa phenotype of the initial inoculum was determined by plating aliquots onto GCK agar, with the opacity of the subsequent colonies determined by light microscopy. The data in figure 10 represents a visual presentation of the phenotypes observed and the data in figure 16, the first panel represents the outcome of the measured input phenotype of the bacteria added to the filters. These data indicate that Opa-expression varies significantly in wild type strains even if the starting culture was from a plate that appeared to be predominately Opa+. MS11 Opa+ has a high number of each phenotype, while MS11 Opa- has a 100 fold higher number of Opa- colonies than Opa+ colonies. After 6 hr incubation, cell associated bacteria were recovered by washing the filters with media 3 times and then plating aliquots after incubating with saponin 1% for 15 min (Associated). The results showed that the relative phenotype of the associated bacteria was the same phenotype of the bacteria added at the beginning of the experiment. MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* attachment to the epithelial cells was the same as the MS11 Opa- strain. Analysis of the bacteria that had transmigrated to the basolateral chamber (Transmigrated) indicated that even when wild type Opa-expressing bacteria were added, Opa negative colonies were the only ones observed in the basolateral media. MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* transmigrated at a tenfold difference over the MS11 Opa- strain and 100 fold over the MS11 Opa+ strain. These results suggest that Opa expression prevents bacteria from crossing an epithelial barrier.

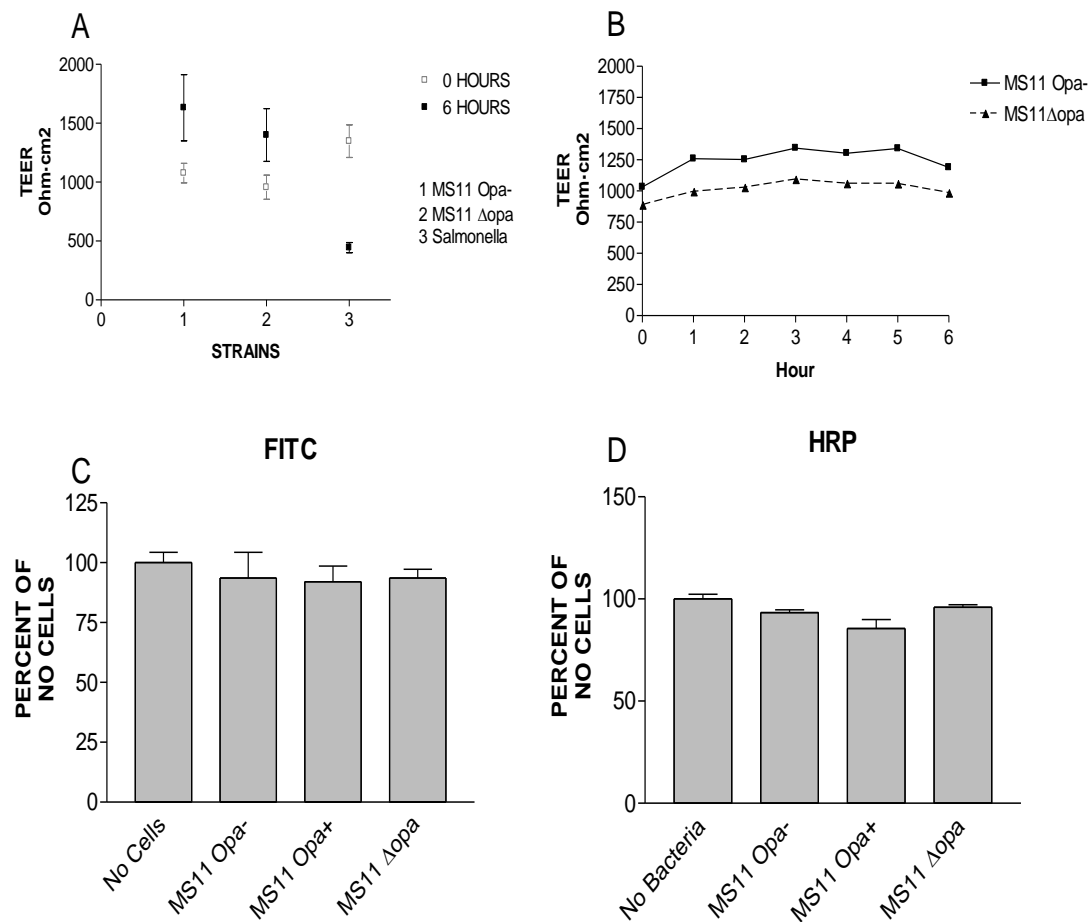
4.2.5 GC do not alter the integrity of the epithelial barrier. A prerequisite of paracytosis is the disruption of the epithelial barrier integrity. Transmigration of GC has been shown to take place after 24 hrs of infection in T84 cells without change in the



**Figure 16. Opa phenotype before and after interactions with T84 cells.** *N. gonorrhoeae* was added to polarized T84 cells grown on transwells at a MOI of 10:1. After six hour incubation period, aliquots were plated onto GCK. After 24 hours, colonies were counted and observed under light microscopy to determine Opa phenotype. **A.** Data represents the number of GC added at the beginning of the experiment. **B.** Data represents cell associated GC. Filters were washed three times with media to remove non associated bacteria. Epithelial cells were lysed with 1% saponin, then plated. **C.** Data represents bacterial recovered from basolateral chamber. Data represents mean values ( $\pm$  SD) of three independent experiments. \*\* denotes statistically significance difference  $P<0.001$ .

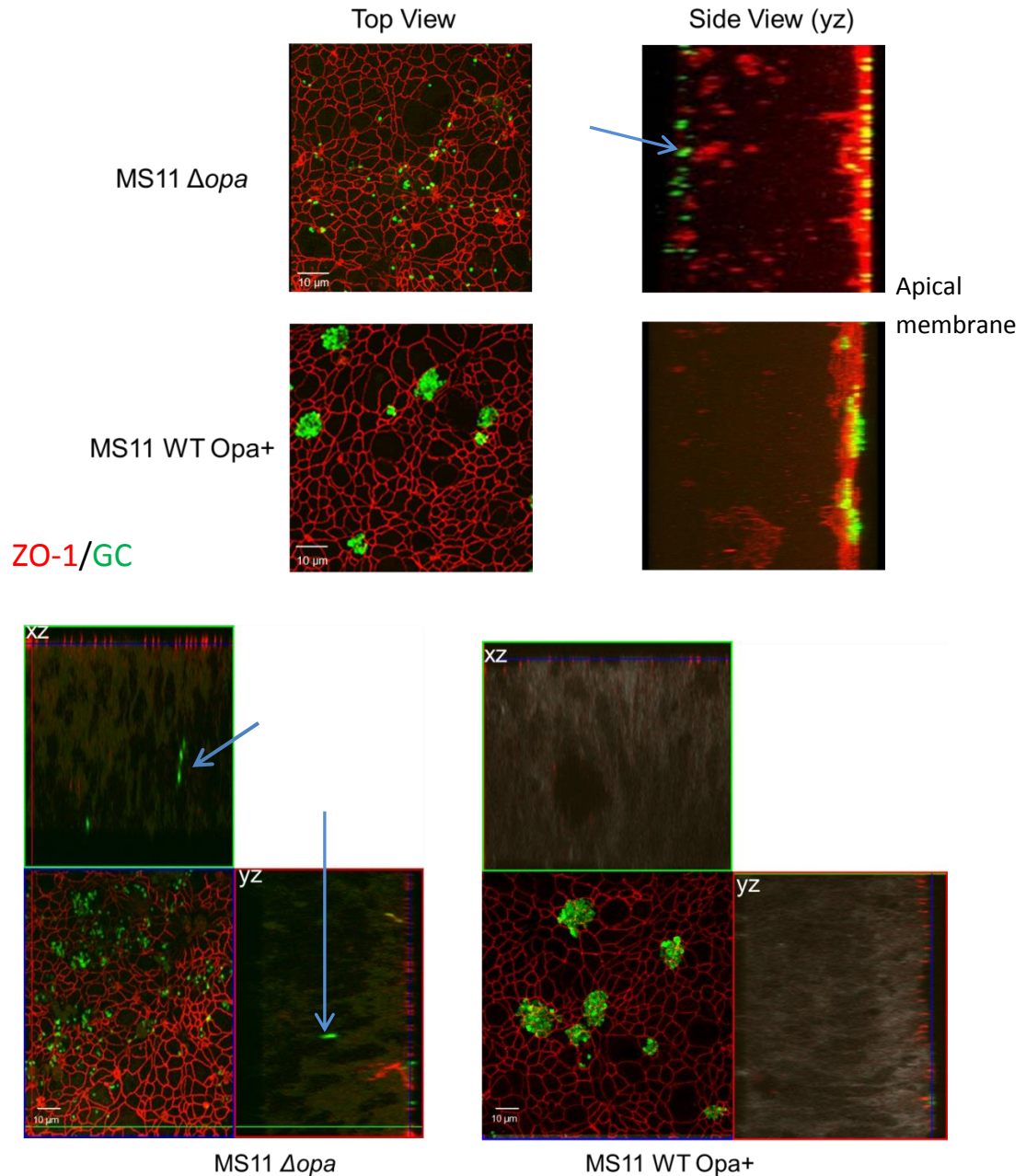
resistance (Merz et al., 1996). Since our data indicated that GC could transmigrate the monolayer in 6 hr, a series of tests were performed to measure the integrity of the epithelial barrier after interaction with GC. To determine if there was a change in the transepithelial resistance (TEER) during the 6 hr infection of the T84 monolayer, the resistance was measured each hour during the 6 hr experiment and normalized by the membrane area of the filter, in this case  $0.33 \text{ cm}^2$ . The results in figure 17A show that during the 6 hr infection of T84 polarized epithelial cells; neither MS11 Opa- (wild type) nor MS11 $\Delta$ opa induced a dramatic change in TEER. This is contrasted with what was seen with *Salmonella typhimurium*, a pathogen that is known to be capable of depolarization of the monolayer, or disruption of the tight junctions. The data in figure 17B shows the difference in normalized TEER after infection for 6 hr. This demonstrates that GC does not cause an apparent disruption of tight junctions or polarity like the one *Salmonella* causes when crossing the polarized monolayer.

To investigate if there was a disruption of the tight junctions without a dramatic decrease of the TEER, polarized T84 cells were incubated with GC and added FITC (Fig. 17C) or HRP (fig. 17D). After 6 hr of incubation, aliquots of culture supernatant were analyzed. The results suggested that there was no disruption of the monolayer, because the data showed no leakage of either FITC or HRP to the basolateral chamber. Lack of disruption of tight junction organization indicates the absence of secreted toxins capable of tight junction disruption as well as lack of machinery that could hijack any of the components of the tight junction.



**Figure 17. GC does not alter transepithelial resistance.** Polarized T84 cells grown on transwells were incubated with GC to measure transepithelial resistance (TEER). **A.** Transepithelial resistance was measured at time 0 and after 6 hours of incubation. *Salmonella* was used as a positive control. **B.** MS11 Opa<sup>-</sup> and MS11Δopa were incubated during six hours and TEER was measured after each hour. **C.** Bacteria were added to monolayers and 1mg/ml of FITC was added and incubated for 6 hours after which supernatants were read at 405 nm. **D.** HRP 1ug/ml was added to the monolayers after bacteria were added and supernatants were read at 405 nm in untreated flat bottom plates. Each experiment was performed in triplicate. Data represents mean values (± SD) of three independent experiments.

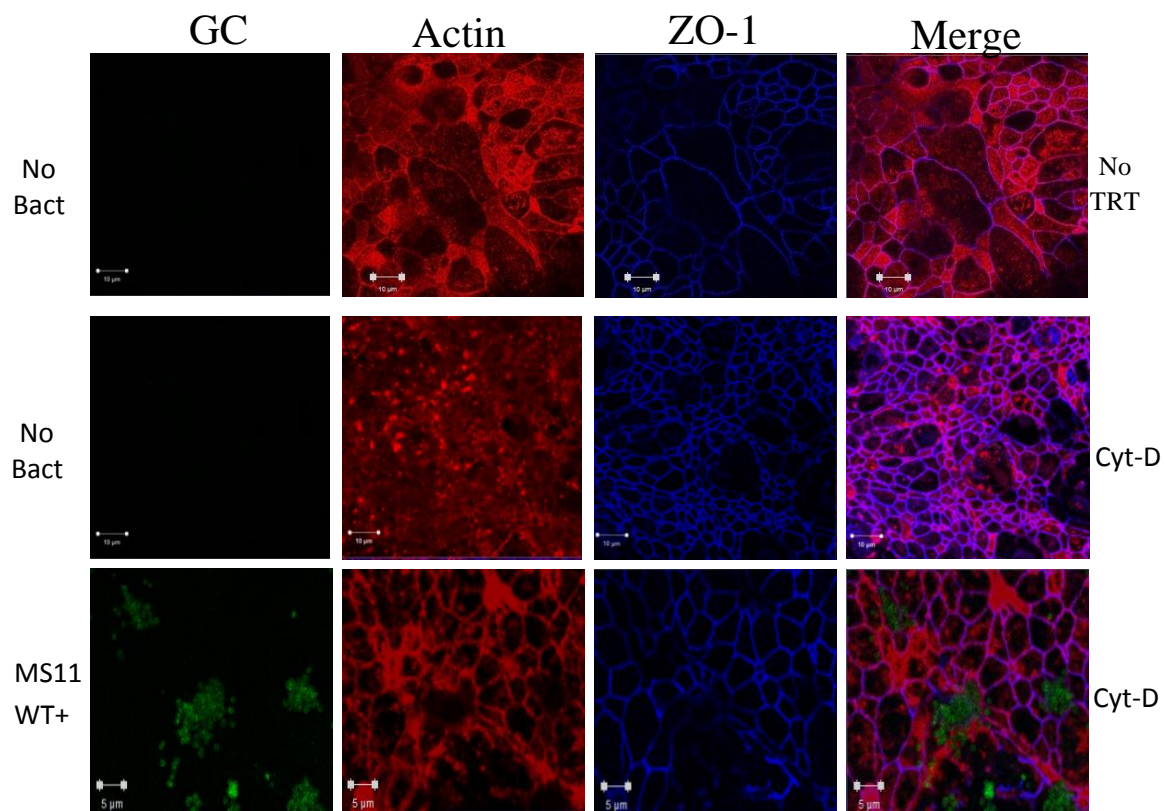
4.2.6 MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* can enter epithelial barrier. Tight junctions are an important part of the junctional complex forming a barrier with the intercellular space. Many pathogens can cross the epithelial barrier using either paracytosis or transcytosis. Previous studies have shown that after interaction of GC with epithelial cells, the bacteria can be internalized (Waldbeser et al., 1994; McCaw et al., 2004). Confocal laser microscopy was used to determine the location of bacteria when they had associated with the monolayer for short periods of time. After T84 cells were seeded onto transwell filters and bacteria added for 4 hrs, membranes were fixed, cut and stained using the pH-shift method by Bacallao and Stelzer (1989). The data in figure 18 indicate that the tight junctions are polarized (red) as shown in the x –z cross section of the confocal slide. Bacteria can be observed (green) entering the monolayer and also at the bottom of it. Some bacteria can be seen colocalized with ZO-1 at the top of the monolayer. In addition, it appears that bacteria are within the monolayer. In the basolateral layer, many GC can be observed in the x-z cross section of the MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* when compared with the MS11 WT+ strain where no GC can be observed in the basolateral membrane.



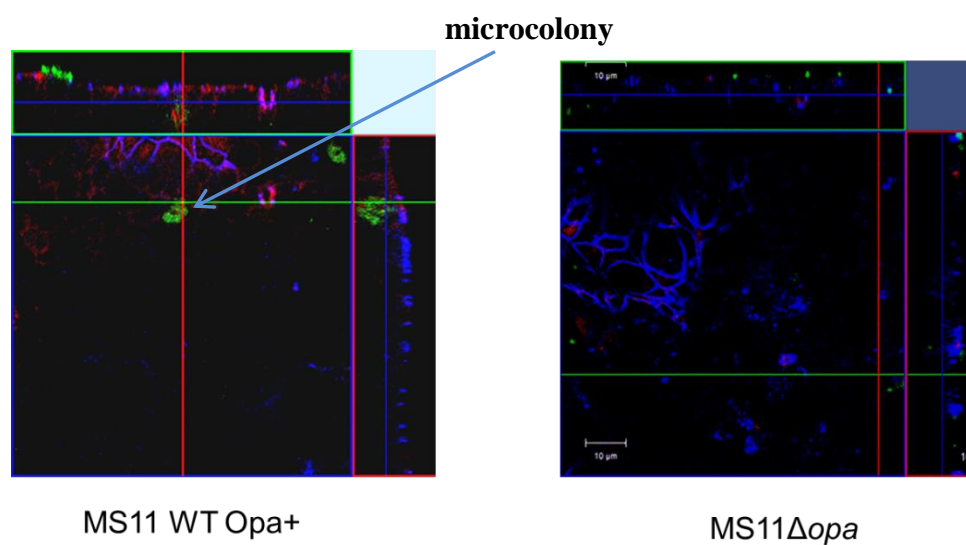
**Figure 18. GC enters polarized epithelial monolayer.** MS11 $\Delta opa$  and MS11 Opa+ were incubated at a MOI 10:1 with polarized T84 cells during 4 hours. T84 cells were grown on transwells until epithelial resistance was over 1,000  $\Omega/cm^2$ . After the incubation time, membranes were cut and fixed using the pH shift method for preparing samples for confocal microscopy by Bacallao and Stelzer (1989). Tight junctions are stained with antibody against ZO-1 protein (red); GC (green). **A.** Top view and side view of monolayer. GC is observed at the bottom of the monolayer on the MS11 $\Delta opa$  strain. **B.** MS11 $\Delta opa$  entering the T84 monolayer and some are located in the middle of the monolayer (x-z view). Arrows show GC. Images were obtained using a Zeiss LSM 510 confocal microscope. Images shown are representative of singles optical sections from three independent experiments.

4.2.7 Inhibitors of the tight junctions do not increase transmigrated GC. Many studies have shown that disruption of proteins of the tight junctions causes an increase in the number of transmigrated bacteria. Different inhibitors were tested to see the effect on T84 polarized epithelial cells (Figure 19). The transmigration pattern of two strains of GC was observed under various inhibitor conditions. Imipramine which is an inhibitor of acid sphingomyelinase, plays a role in the uptake of GC by epithelial cells. It did not disrupt or redistribute ZO-1 or F-actin and did not change significantly the number of GC transmigration the epithelial cells (data not shown). When Cytochalasin D (Fig 19A), an actin polymerization inhibitor was used, it did not appear to change the distribution of ZO-1. However, while it caused disruption of the F-actin, some increase in the transmigration of MS11WT Opa<sup>+</sup> GC was observed (Fig. 19C). EGTA, a calcium chelator, both ZO-1 and F-actin, disrupted the junctions and caused an increase of transmigrated bacteria in both strains (Fig 19C). In figure 19B, microcolonies of MS11 WT<sup>+</sup> were observed crossing the monolayer; this was not observed in the absence of EGTA.

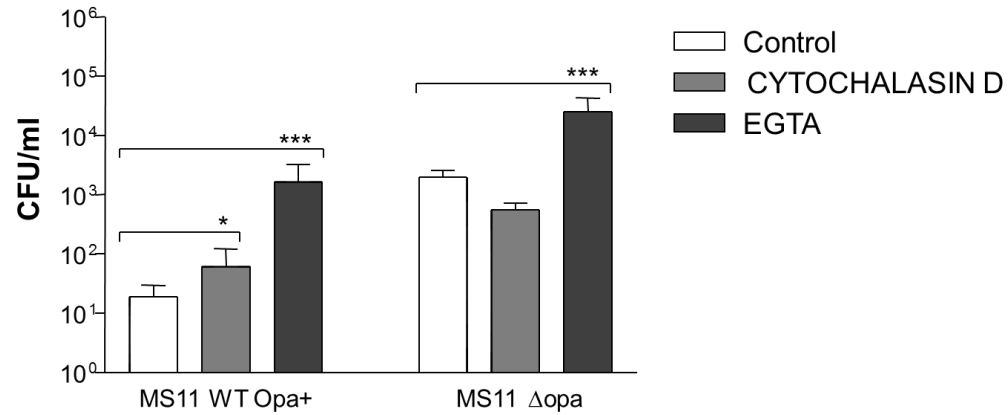




**A. Cytochalasin D Treatment**



**B. EGTA Treatment**



### C. Transmigrated GC

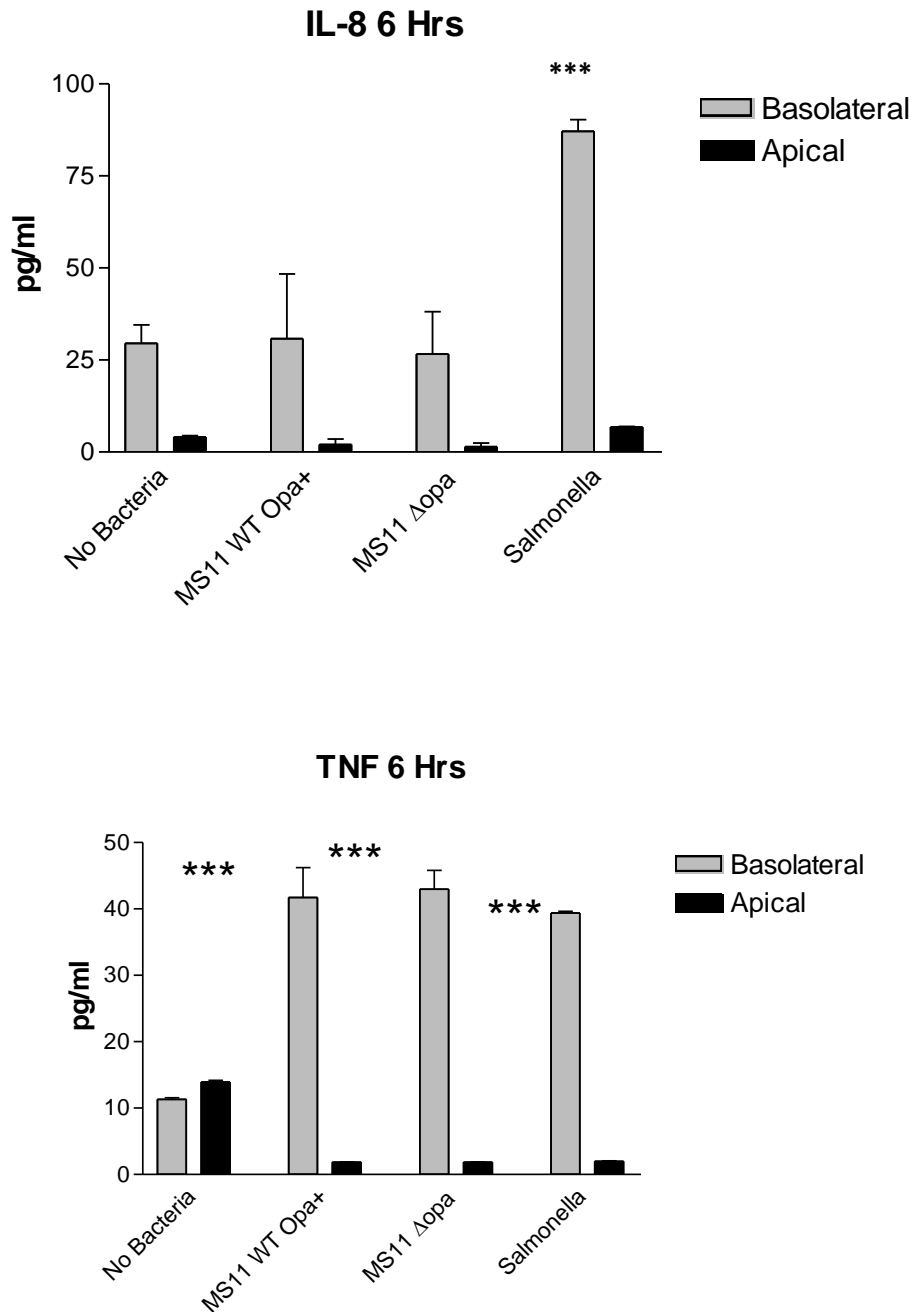
\*\*\*P<0.0001

\*P<0.05

**Figure 19. Effect of inhibitors in transmigration of GC.** Inhibitors were used to help determine how GC can transmigrate a polarized monolayer. Cytochalsin D (Cyt-D) (1mg/ml), which inhibits actin polymerization and EGTA (5mM), a calcium chelator were used. **A.** Confocal microscopy images. GC variants were incubated at a MOI 10:1 with polarized T84 cells during 4 hours. T84 cells were grown on transwells until epithelial resistance was over 1,000  $\Omega/\text{cm}^2$ . After the incubation time, membranes were cut and fixed using the pH-shift method for preparing samples for confocal microscopy by Bacallao and Stelzer (1989). Tight junctions are stained with antibody against ZO-1 protein (blue); GC (green); F-actin (red) **B.** x-z image of T84 polarized cells under EGTA treatment showing MS11WT+ microcolony. **C.** Transmigrated bacteria after 4 hours of infection in the presence of inhibitors. Data represents mean values ( $\pm$  SD) of three independent experiments. \*\*\* denotes statistically significance difference \*\*\* P<0.0001. \*P<0.05.

Images were obtained using a Zeiss LSM 510 confocal microscope. Images shown are representative of singles optical sections from three independent experiments.

4.2.8 Cytokine production during transmigration of GC. An important role of the epithelium is to be part of the immune system by producing pro-inflammatory cytokines such as IL-8 and TNF- $\alpha$  (Eckmann et al., 1993; Jung et al., 1995). IL-8 is a neutrophil chemoattractant while TNF- $\alpha$  stimulates the secretion of other cytokines like IL-8, MCP-1. Previous studies have shown that transmigration of *Salmonella* across T84 cells causes an increase in the production of certain cytokines. To examine if GC infection of polarized T84 epithelial cells would lead to secretion of IL-8 and TNF- $\alpha$ , monolayers were infected with MS11 Opa+, MS11 $\Delta$ opa and *Salmonella* (used as a positive control). After 6 hrs incubation, aliquots from the apical and basolateral chambers were collected and analyzed by ELISA for presence of IL-8 and TNF- $\alpha$ . Secretion of both cytokines into the basolateral media was observed. No secretion into the apical media was seen. Production of IL-8 did not increase after infection with either strain of GC when compared with the uninfected cells (Fig. 20) while *Salmonella* induced the production of 80 pg/ml of IL-8. TNF- $\alpha$  production was induced after addition of the two variants of GC as well as *Salmonella*, producing around 40 pg/ml. This immune response suggests that even in the absence of Opas, GC elicits the induction of TNF- $\alpha$  and it might have an important role during infection with GC.



**Figure 20. Production of TNF- $\alpha$  and IL-8 in interaction of GC with polarized epithelia.** T84 polarized monolayers were infected with GC and *Salmonella* at a MOI of 10:1. After 6 hours of incubation supernatants from the basolateral and apical chambers was collected and analyzed for cytokine production by ELISA. Production of IL-8 in GC did not changed compared with uninfected cells. Only *Salmonella* was statistically significant (\*\*\*;  $P < 0.0001$ ) Production of TNF- $\alpha$  was increased by addition of GC compared to uninfected cells. Data represents mean values ( $\pm$  SD) of three independent experiments. Asterisk \*\*\* denotes statistically significance difference between no bacteria and GC:  $P < 0.0001$ .

### 4.3 Discussion

Invasive pathogenic microbes need to cross the epithelial barrier to cause disseminated disease. They can do this by entering individual cells to transcytose to subepithelial tissues or by exploiting host signaling pathways or surfaces of the epithelium to invade tissues using the paracellular pathway. In this study, we observed that absence of pili and Opa facilitates the transmigration of *N. gonorrhoeae* in polarized epithelium. Bacteria were observed entering and at the bottom of the monolayer.

The role of pili in invasion of T84 cells has been shown by Merz et al (1996). They observed that piliated GC adhered to epithelial cells about 20 fold more than non-piliated GC. Pili also enhanced invasion into these cells, taking about 24 hr to be seen in the basolateral chamber compared to the non-piliated GC. The number of bacteria invading epithelial cells appears to depend not only on the bacterial surface structure but also on the type of cells used during the experiments. When using Chang cells, pili appeared to inhibit the invasion (Makino et al., 1991). The mechanism by which pili-negative GC use to bind to epithelial cells is by binding heparin sulfate proteoglycan through to Opa (Chen et al., 1995). In polarized T84 cells, syndecan HS-proteoglycan receptors are found on the basolateral membrane (Rapraeger et al., 1986). In human challenge studies, it was found that pili undergo a high rate of variation during infection helping establish the different outcomes seen during disease (Seifert et al., 1994).

In women, *N. gonorrhoeae* can cause local disease such as salpingitis or disseminated disease such as arthritis. GC must be able to reach the subepithelial space

and invade subepithelial tissues. Piliated GC have been shown to destroy mucosal ciliated epithelial cells during infection of fallopian tubes, although GC attach mostly to non-ciliated cells (McGee et al., 1981). This study also showed piliated GC appeared in small clusters or diplococci attached to the epithelial cells while non-piliated GC appear as diplococci or single GC on the surface of non-ciliated cells. Both piliated and non-piliated bacteria were transparent, which suggest that they were not expressing Opa. This agrees with our observations in T84 cells. Piliated Opa-expressing GC form microcolonies on top of the polarized epithelium, while MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* was usually seen as a single GC or as a diplococcus.

It has been reported that *N. gonorrhoeae* can transverse polarized epithelia in about 24 hr postinfection (Merz et al., 1996). Intracellular bacteria can be recovered after 3 hr of infection and gentamicin assays showed that bacteria recovered after 24 hs had all been internalized (Wang et al., 1998). The data presented above indicate that GC could be isolated from the basolateral chamber as early as 4 hr. Phase variation of surface determinants is a hallmark in pathogenic *Neisseriae*. Both pili and Opa undergo phase variation, and this allows GC to adapt to different cellular environments and cause the different array of disease outcomes. Using a strain devoid of Opa allowed for the analysis of the impact of phase variation Opa on transmigration. For these experiments, piliated GC were grown for 18 hr on GCK plates prior to addition to polarized epithelia. It was observed that expression of Opa does not significantly affect the attachment to the monolayer when pili is present due to the fact that in the wild type strains MS11 WT Opa<sup>+</sup> and Opa<sup>-</sup> the same proportion for the Opa phenotype was seen as in the bacteria

added at time =0 of the assay. The number MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* attached to the monolayer was the same as the one observed in the wild type strains. This supports the conclusion that pili play a very important role in initiating disease.

Opa binds two different type of receptors on epithelial cells, heparin sulfate proteoglycan receptors (HSPG) and carcinoembryonic antigen cellular adhesion molecules (CEACAM) and these interactions are important for the invasion of GC into epithelial cell. We show in this study that lack of Opa increases the number of bacteria that can transmigrate the polarized epithelium to invade subepithelial tissues. After 6 hr after infection, the bacteria recovered from the basolateral chamber were mostly Opa- GC, even when the bacteria added were about 50% Opa+ and 50% Opa-. Our results further showed that MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* had tenfold more in the basolateral chamber than the wild type strains. Therefore, GC lacking Opa has enhanced transmigration on polarized epithelia, due to the fact that does not interact with receptors on epithelial cells.

Many pathogens hijack tight junction components to be able to transmigrate polarized epithelia. This is usually observed by a decrease in TEER sometime after infection. *Clostridium difficile* decreases the TEER after 6 hr of infection by secreting toxin A and causing loss of epithelial barrier function (Hecht et al., 1988). *Salmonella* also decreases TEER by about 20% in the first 40 minutes after infection (Bertelsen et al., 2004). While *Salmonella* and *Clostridia* infection produce a dramatic decrease in TEER, the results obtained with wild type GC and MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* did not decrease the TEER by a significant amount. Using HRP and FITC we could established that the epithelial barrier

was maintained as there was not increased permeability of the tracing agents after 6 hr post infection.

While these results suggest that *N. gonorrhoeae* does not cause a disruption of the tight junction, it does not rule out a transient opening of the junction. It has been suggested that *Listeria monocytogenes* transigrate the epithelial barrier without causing disruption of the tight junction complex. Pentecost and coworkers found that *L. monocytogenes* could take advantage of the extrusion process during the renewal of epithelial cells to gain entrance of the epithelial barrier (2006). We used confocal microscopy to ensure that tight junctions were not compromised during infection. Polarized epithelia showed that ZO-1, a peripheral protein of the tight junction, remained intact. MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* were observed entering and transigrating the monolayer with many bacteria being observed at the bottom of the monolayer. ZO-1 did not appear to be translocated.

These results suggest that *N. gonorrhoeae* is able to infect subepithelial tissues after transigrating polarized epithelia. Pili are known for promoting the initial binding between GC and epithelial cells and Opa for mediating a tight interaction and leading to the invasion of epithelial cells. In women, GC is mostly asymptomatic developing disseminated disease by crossing epithelial and endothelial barriers. GC takes advantage of phase variation mechanism of surface determinants to be able to invade tissues. Our results show that lack of pili reduces the attachment of GC to epithelial cells. Lack of expression of Opa ( $\Delta$ *opa* strain) decreases the formation of microcolonies and enhances



transmigration of GC through polarized epithelia. If GC does not interact with other GC on the surface of epithelia cells, GC is probably able to use the paracellular route to transmigrate in 4 hours after infection.

## Chapter 5: Conclusions and Discussion

*Neisseria gonorrhoeae* is a major public health problem, not only in the USA but worldwide. Gonorrhea results in an influx of neutrophils in individuals with symptomatic disease, but complications are caused mostly in women due to its asymptomatic nature, leading to PID and DIG. Additionally, the increased number of antibiotic resistant GC and the correlation with an increase in HIV infections make gonorrhea a burden in public health.

GC must be able to cross epithelial cells and escape the immune system to be able to cause disseminated and chronic disease. GC must initially attach to epithelial cells, invade and survive inside epithelial and phagocytic cells and eventually transmigrate epithelial cells. This study has focused on determining how Opa and pili, surface factors that undergo antigenic variation affect transmigration of GC through polarized epithelia. Opa proteins are encoded by 11 different genes located at different sites in the genome; therefore, control of their expression is not the same as control of an operon. Each *opa* gene has its own promoter and undergoes antigenic variation as a result of a slip strand mechanism due to a repetitive sequence that causes the gene to be in frame or out of frame. In nature, it is not possible to obtain naturally a gonococcal strain that is fully Opa negative.

Previous reports have shown that phenotypically Opa negative GC can bind receptors at low levels (Vogues et al., 2010), confirming that Opa negative bacteria still expresses Opa. The first approach used in this study was to establish a strain that lacks

all *opa* genes to be able to understand the role of Opa proteins in gonococcal pathogenesis. A genetic approach of PCR/transformations was used to remove each *opa* gene from the genome of MS11. The MS11 strain was chosen due to its increase virulence in male challenge studies compared to FA1090 strain;  $2.5 \times 10^2$  CFUs of this strain are needed to cause infection (Schneider et al., 1995; Schmidt et al., 2001; Hobbs et al., 2011). Results from this investigation showed that MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* had the same growth abilities and LOS profile as the parent strain. Personal communications with Dr. Alison Criss at University of Virginia, indicated she has constructed an FA1090 strain that lacks all *opa* genes following a sequential methodology as well, and this strain produced similar properties that we observed for MS11 $\Delta$ *opa* in some assays. This strain differed from WT strains in the way in which they interacted with other gonococci; it failed to form big clumps/microcolonies. This strain also failed to bind to the same degree conjugated LOS as the parental strain. In all, these results suggest that LOS and Opa interact to form microcolonies. Microcolony formation has been suggested to be a requirement for invasion of epithelial cells (Bish et al., 2008), as demonstrated by the fact that killed GC can adhere to epithelial cells, but they cannot form microcolonies and cannot invade epithelial cells. Swanson et al (2011) suggested that microcolony formation may be required to induce signaling events such as redistribution of EGFR that lead to the invasion of epithelial cells. Constructing a strain that lacks all Opas is not only important to study the interaction with polarized epithelia, but also interaction with neutrophils. A characteristic of the inflammatory response seen in the male urethra is an influx of neutrophils. It has been shown previously that neutrophils interact with GC

through Opa-CEACAM binding (Fisher and Rest, 1988; Nais et al., 1991; Chen and Gotschlich, 1996).

Further studies are needed to investigate the role of each Opa in pathogenesis. Each protein has different affinities for the receptor they bind on epithelial and immune cells. It is important to construct strains where each *opa* gene expressing a specific Opa is reinserted in the  $\Delta opa$  strain. When using isogenic Opa-expressing strains, it would be expected that gonococci should interact differently depending on the type of receptors they bind. For example, Opa<sub>HSPG</sub> would not be able to invade T84 cells apically, through an Opa-dependent mechanism. These gonococci would invade epithelial cells slowly without eliciting phagocytic cells to the basolateral side. However, after transmigration they would be able to enter cells through the basolateral side by binding HSPG receptors. This could provide for a mechanism by which gonococci are released to the epithelial surface, and/or would now be capable of re-infecting more cells escaping immune defenses and to be able to transmit to a new host. I would expect Opa<sub>CEACAM</sub> expressing gonococci to be able to adhere and invade T84 cells apically better than Opa-negative gonococci because they can bind CEACAM receptors. If gonococci are able to transmigrate through the epithelium, they will most likely be killed by epithelial cells or innate immune cells, elicited interleukin production by epithelial cells. I would expect that Opa<sub>HSPG-CEACAM</sub> expressing gonococci can reinvade T84 cells from the basolateral side once they have traverse the monolayer because they can also bind HSPG receptors. This would result in gonococci able to reseed the apical side allowing for transmission to a new host. Current projects in the Stein and Song Labs are following this direction of

research. Mutants that can only express one Opa have been constructed and are being tested for interaction with epithelial cells and transmigration activity. LOS mutants are also being constructed to study bacteria-bacteria interactions and elucidate which Opa can bind to LOS and to which sugar terminal.

Many studies have described the importance of Opa and pili in the attachment and invasion to epithelial cells (Swanson et al., 1987; Rudel et al., 1992 & 1995; Schneider et al., 1995; Van Putten and Paul, 1995; Dehio et al., 1998; Griffiss et al., 1999; Freisslet et al., 2000). Both pili and Opa promote attachment and induce signaling events that can lead to the invasion of GC into the different cell lines used in the experiments. 10 to 17% of women with gonococcal cervicitis will develop PID, which is a chronic infection of the upper genital tract. Infection of the fallopian tubes leads to the sloughing of ciliated cell caused by TNF- $\alpha$  production (McGee et al., 1999). Opa negative gonococci are usually isolated from tubal samples, which occur in 30 to 60% of women with gonococcal PID (Eisenstein and Masi., 1981). To cause chronic disease, GC must ascend to the uterus, fallopian tubes and abdomen, which in spontaneous PID occurs during menses and this correlates with the recovery of Opa negative GC during this time of the menstrual cycle. To cause disseminated infections, GC must transmigrate the epithelial barrier to reach endothelial cells. DGI is a rare complication of gonorrhea with only 1 to 3% of patients developing it (Suzaki et al., 2011). DGI usually does not present symptoms and rarely coexist with PID or urethritis, but many patients have had localized infections previously. The second approach used in this study was to perform transmigration assays to analyze the ability of GC to disseminate across T84 polarized

epithelia. The difference in transmigration between WT strains that phenotypically express or not Opa and our  $\Delta opa$  strain were investigated. Data presented here showed that lack of Opa expression enhances the ability of GC to transmigrate polarized epithelia, when bacteria were non piliated. These results suggest that GC undergo antigenic variation of pili and Opa to be able to cause DGI. GC lacking Opa and pili do not interact with adjacent GC as well as do not bind receptors for these surface factors on epithelial cells making easier to cross the epithelium. WT strains form microcolonies that make it difficult to transmigrate the monolayer. These data fit in with observations made that GC isolated from samples of DGI patients are Opa negative (Eisenstein and Masi, 1981). Our results also suggest a mechanism by which GC gains access to the basolateral membrane of the epithelium is through a paracellular route since it takes 4 hr to see GC crossing the polarized monolayer (Figs. 15, 18) as compared with transcytosis that takes 24 hr (Merz et al., 1996). Using confocal microscopy, MS11 $\Delta opa$  was observed entering and crossing the polarized T84 monolayer. While transcytosis requires invasion of the epithelia to be exocytosed later, paracellular transmigration would require disruption of tight junctions, even if only temporarily, to allow for passage of GC and GC can invade epithelial cells in 6 hr after infection (Bish et al., 2008). Unfortunately, our results do not show how tight junctions are disrupted to allow transmigration of GC. Transepithelial resistance as well as permeability experiments using FITC and HRP showed no disruption of the monolayer. Confocal microscopy did not present conclusively disruption or recruitment of the tight junction peripheral protein ZO-1. Further studies will help elucidate which specific tight junction components; GC is able to disrupt to cause local or disseminated disease that needs invasion of subepithelial tissues. Tight

junctions are composed of a complex group of proteins that interact together to form polarity of the epithelium. Many pathogens disrupt the tight junction function, for example enteropathogenic *E. coli* disrupts  $\beta_1$  integrins on the basolateral membrane (Muza-Moon et al., 2003). Studying other components of the tight junction function such as transmembrane proteins occludins, claudins and JAMs is helpful in elucidating mechanisms by which GC can transmigrate. Neutrophils can transmigrate by a paracellular route to reach inflamed mucosal surfaces without breaking the epithelial barrier. It has been shown that the N-terminal domain of occluding modulates migration of neutrophils but is not critical for paracellular permeability (Huber et al., 2000).

Later studies by Edwards et al., (2013) showed that live GC (pili+, Opa+) localizes preferentially at the apical side of cell junctions when cells were stained for ZO-1, producing discontinuous staining of ZO-1 and occludin underneath of GC microcolonies. This demonstrates that GC impacts the integrity of the apical junctional complexes of polarized epithelial and it causes redistribution of E-cadherin to cytoplasmic vesicles. The gate function was not disrupted as shown by permeabilization assays and no TEER decrease. It was shown previously that GC activates EGFR (Swanson et al., 2011) and this activation leads to the disassembly of the apical junctional complex proteins causing redistribution of  $\beta$ -catenin (Edwards et al., 2012). Further studies in the Song and Stein labs are also trying to elucidate the mechanism by which open junctions are open to allow transmigration of GC on polarized epithelia. Confocal and Electron microscopy are being used to determine how bacteria open the cell junction without causing a change in the gate function of the apical junctional complex.

GC must actively be involved in transmigration of polarized epithelia. GC causes redistribution of  $\beta$ -catenin after activation of EGFR, but how can GC transmigrate without disruption of the epithelial barrier has not been elucidated. Since neutrophils use a specific domain of occludin to transmigrate without increasing the transepithelial permeability, it suggests that this could be a possible mechanism.

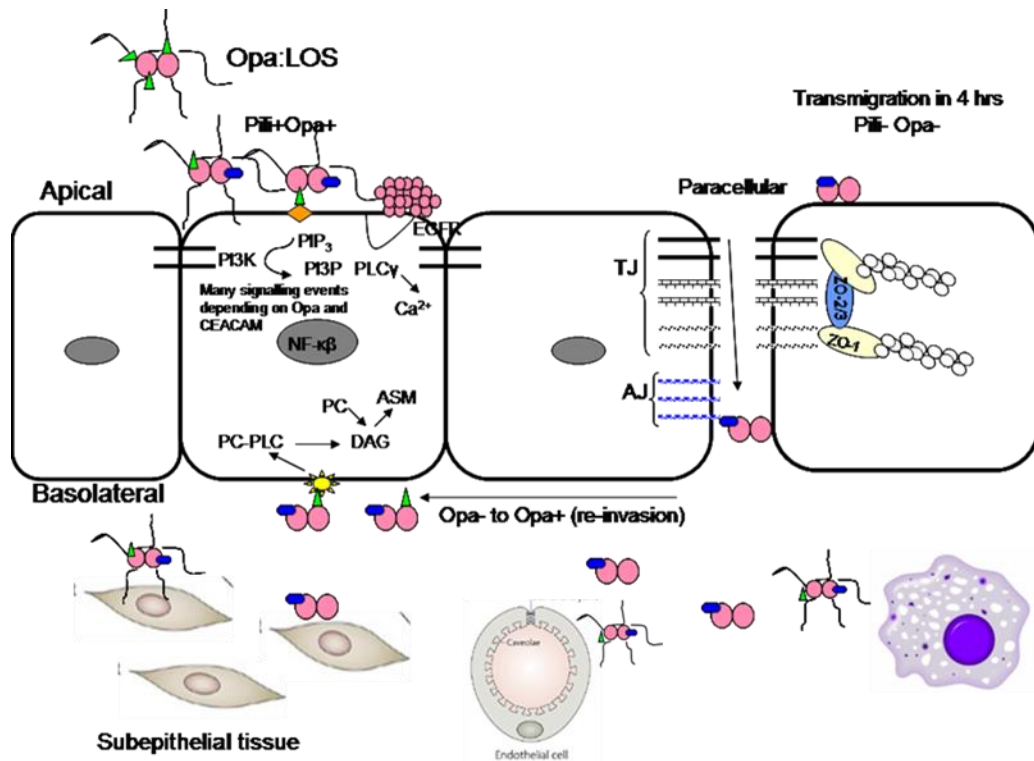
Results from this work contribute to the knowledge of gonococcal pathogenesis and may help in the development of gonococcal vaccines. Data showed that GC elicits TNF- $\alpha$  production during transmigration of polarized epithelia and that antigenic variation of Opa is important to evade the immune system to establish chronic and disseminated infections. TNF- $\alpha$  production can help activate macrophages and promote induction of NO. Furthermore, it has been reported that antibodies against Opa may decrease the risk of PID (Plummer et al., 1994).

The work presented in this thesis furthers our understanding on the pathogenesis of chronic and disseminated gonococcal disease. Based on these results and published literature, I would like to propose a model of gonococcal transmigration of polarized epithelial cells (Fig, 21). GC undergo phase variation of pili and Opa that allows for different scenarios when interacting with polarized T84 cells. When GC expresses pili, pili promote the initial attachment to epithelial cells leading to the retraction of the pili fiber and this retraction brings GC closer to allow the interaction between Opa and CEACAM receptors. GC form microcolonies thorough the interaction between Opa and



LOS. Microcolony formation and Opa association with CEACAM receptors lead to a series of signaling events that allow for invasion of GC into the epithelial cells. GC microcolonies activate EGFR kinase, phosphorylating EGFR and ErbB2 (Swanson et al., 2011). Karen Swanson also showed that this leads to the activation of PLC $\gamma$  which induces calcium release to allow invasion of GC. ERK and AKT are also activated allowing the survival of GC in epithelial cells. Interactions of GC with host cells through Opa-CEACAM binding can lead to accumulation of PIP<sub>3</sub> inducing the activation of PI3 kinase. This results in the accumulation of PI3P in the phagosomes (Booth et al., 2003). Also, Opa expressing GC can regulate the expression of CEACAM receptors through the activation of NF- $\kappa$ B (Muenzner et al., 2002). When GC are not piliated, attachment to epithelial cells is decreased. When GC do not express pili nor Opa (P-  $\Delta$ *opa* strain), they cannot form microcolonies on the surface of epithelial cells. Lack of these surface factors hinders the interaction of GC with epithelial receptors such as CECAMs allowing them to be able to transmigrate the monolayer. As early as 4 hours after infection, GC lacking Opa and pili (P-  $\Delta$ *opa* strain) are seen entering and crossing the monolayer through a paracellular route, since to cross epithelia takes GC 24 hours. GC might disrupt ZO-1, occluding and E-cadherin proteins of the epithelial junctions without causing a decrease in polarity. GC can activate EGFR leading to redistribution of  $\beta$ -catenin (Edwards et al., 2012). Once on the basolateral domain, GC could phase vary Opa to interact with HSPG receptors that would result in signaling events leading to the uptake of GC by epithelial cells, permitting the re-infection of epithelial cells. Opa\_HSPG interactions activate PC-PLC, generating DAG from PC. DAG activates ASM generating ceramide thus allowing internalization of GC into epithelial cells.

(Grassme et al., 1997). Transmigration of GC, even in the absence of Opa can induce production of TNF- $\alpha$  leading to the expression of CEACAM1 on endothelial cells allowing interaction of GC with these cells which could allow entrance into the blood stream to cause DGI. In addition, GC on the basolateral domain can infect subepithelial tissues causing chronic infection, as well as infect endothelial cells leading to DGI.



**Figure 21. Working model of gonococcal transmigration of polarized epithelial cells.**

Piliated GC attach to epithelial cells more avidly than non piliated GC. Opa expressing GC bind CEACAM receptors expressed on the apical side of polarized epithelial cells. These interactions lead to signaling events that promote uptake of GC by epithelial cells. Non piliated *opaΔ* GC will transmigrate T84 monolayer in 4 hrs, making GC accessible to subepithelial tissues to cause chronic and disseminated disease and to interact with endothelial cells and macrophages. Opa ▲, CEACAM ◆, HSPG ☀, LOS ■.

## Appendix

### A.1. *opa* Sequences

DNA Sequences of *Opa* regions were completed. The start and stop codons are highlighted in green. The number in parenthesis indicates the size of the *opa* encoding amplicon.

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## A.2. *opa* Alignments

Verification of *opa* genes deletion. PCR was used to amplify the adjoin regions of *opa* that were deleted from the various constructs. The DNA sequences of the amplicons were determined, and aligned to the original DNA sequence. Primers used to generate the deletions are highlighted.

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| Del_1_Final | ABNNNNTTGATCGT-GCATCGACATCC-GACCGCGACATCCCGCACGAAACACAAGCCGC |
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|             | 60 70 80 90 100 110  |
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|             | 180 190 200 210 220 230                                      |
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|             | 240 250 260 270 280 290                                      |
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|             | 300 310 320 330  |
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| Del_1_Final | ATCAGTGAAAATCTTTTTTTTAACCGGTTAAACCGAATAAGGAGCCGAAAATGAATCCAG |
|             | 420 430 440 450 460 470                                      |
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| Del_1_Final | -----  |

|             |   |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|
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|             |   |      |      |      |      |      |
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|             |   |      |      |      |      |      |
| WT_1_Final  | 600   | 610  | 620  | 630  | 640  | 650  |
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| Del_1_Final | :---:---  |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | CAGA-----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 340   |      |      |      |      |      |
|             |   |      |      |      |      |      |
| WT_1_Final  | 660   | 670  | 680  | 690  | 700  | 710  |
|             | CTGGAGGATAGCGGCAGATTATGCCCGTTACAGAAAGTGGAACAACAGTAAATATTCCGT  |      |      |      |      |      |
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|             |   |      |      |      |      |      |
| WT_1_Final  | 720   | 730  | 740  | 750  | 760  | 770  |
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|             |   |      |      |      |      |      |
| WT_1_Final  | 780   | 790  | 800  | 810  | 820  | 830  |
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| Del_1_Final | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|             |   |      |      |      |      |      |
| WT_1_Final  | 840   | 850  | 860  | 870  | 880  | 890  |
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| Del_1_Final | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|             |   |      |      |      |      |      |
| WT_1_Final  | 900   | 910  | 920  | 930  | 940  | 950  |
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| Del_1_Final | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|             |   |      |      |      |      |      |
| WT_1_Final  | 960   | 970  | 980  | 990  | 1000 | 1010 |
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|             |   |      |      |      |      |      |
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Del_1_Final -----

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                        400      410      420      430      440      450

WT_1_Final      1260      1270      1280      1290      1300      1310
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                        460      470

WT_1_Final      1320      1330      1340      1350      1360      1370
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WT_1_Final      1380      1390      1400      1410      1420      1430
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Del_1_Final -----

WT_1_Final      1500      1510      1520      1530      1540      1550
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Del_1_Final -----

WT_1_Final      1560      1570      1580      1590      1600      1610
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|             | ::: ::   |      |      |      |      |      |
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|             | 1680   | 1690 | 1700 | 1710 | 1720 | 1730 |
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|             | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
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|             | 620  | 630  | 640  | 650  | 660  | 670  |
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| Del_1_Final | AGGGCGGATTTCGA-----TGAAAACGGTAGACATGTTGGATTGATTG                             |      |      |      |      |      |
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|             | 720  | 730  | 740  | 750  | 760  | 770  |
|             | 1860   | 1870 | 1880 | 1890 | 1900 | 1910 |
| WT_1_Final  | ATGGGTGTTATGCTATATCATCATAGTTATGCAGAAGATGCAGGGCGCGCGGGCAGCGAG                 |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | ::::::::::::::::: :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_1_Final | ATGGGTGTTATGCTATATCATCATAGTTATGCCGAAGATGCAGGGCGCGCGGGCAGCGAG                 |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 780  | 790  | 800  | 810  | 820  | 830  |
|             | 1920   | 1930 | 1940 | 1950 | 1960 | 1970 |
| WT_1_Final  | GCGCAGATACAGGTTTTTGAAGACGTGCACGTCAAGGCGAAGCGCGTACCGAAAGACAAA                 |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | ::::::::::::: ::::::::::::::: :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_1_Final | GCGCAGATACAGGTTTTTGAAGATGTGCACGTCAAGGCGAAGCGCGTACCGAAAGACAAA                 |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 840  | 850  | 860  | 870  | 880  | 890  |
|             | 1980   | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 |
| WT_1_Final  | AAAGTGTTTACCGATGCGCGTGCCGTATCGACCCGTGTCAGGATATATTCAAATCCGGCGAA               |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | ::::::::::::::::: : ::::::::::::::::::::::                                   |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_1_Final | AAAGTGTTTACCGATGCGCGTGCCGTATCGACCCGTGTCAGGATGTGTTCAAATCCGGCGAA               |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 900  | 910  | 920  | 930  | 940  | 950  |
|             | 2040   | 2050 | 2060 | 2070 | 2080 | 2090 |
| WT_1_Final  | AACCTCGACAACATCGTAGCATACCCGGTGCGTTTACACAGCAAGATAAAAGCTCG                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | ::::::::::::::::: :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_1_Final | AACCTCGACAACATCGTAGCATACCCGGTGCGTTTACACAGCAAGATAAAAGCTCG                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 960  | 970  | 980  | 990  | 1000 | 1010 |
|             | 2100   | 2110 | 2120 | 2130 | 2140 | 2150 |
| WT_1_Final  | GGCATTGTGTCTTTGAATATTTCGCGGCGACAGCGGGTTCGGGCGGGTCAATACGATGGTG                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | ::::::::::::: ::     |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_1_Final | GGCATTGTGTCTTCGAATATTTCGCGGCGACAGCGGGTTCGGGCGGGTCAATACGATGGTG                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1020   | 1030 | 1040 | 1050 | 1060 | 1070 |
|             | 2160   | 2170 | 2180 | 2190 | 2200 | 2210 |
| WT_1_Final  | GACGGCATCACGCAGACCTTTTATTTCGACTTCTACCGATGCGGGCAGGGCAGGCGGTTCA                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | ::::::::::::::::: :: |      |      |      |      |      |





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|--------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|              | 240  | 250 | 260 | 270 | 280 | 290 |
|              | 300  | 310 | 320 | 330 | 340 | 350 |
| WT_2_Final   | GTTCCGTTTGCCGCAACGGGAGATTTGACGGTTGAAGGCGGTCTGCGCCACGACCTGCTC             |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_del_2_F | GTTCCGTTTGCCGCAACGGGAGATTTGACGGTTGAAGGCGGTCTGCGCCACGACCTGCTC             |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 300  | 310 | 320 | 330 | 340 | 350 |
|              | 360  | 370 | 380 | 390 | 400 | 410 |
| WT_2_Final   | AAACAGGATGCATTCGCCGAAAAAGGCAGTGCTTTGGGCTGGAGCGGCAACAGCCTCACT             |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_del_2_F | AAACAGGATGCATTCGCCGAAAAAGGCAGTGCTTTGGGCTGGAGCGGCAACAGCCTCACT             |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 360  | 370 | 380 | 390 | 400 | 410 |
|              | 420  | 430 | 440 | 450 | 460 | 470 |
| WT_2_Final   | GAAGGCACACTGGTCGGACTCGCGGTCTGAAGCTGTCGCAACCCTTGAGCGATAAAGCC              |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_del_2_F | GAAGGCACACTGGTCGGACTCGCGGTCTGAACTGTCGCAACCCTTGAGCGATAAAGCC               |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 420  | 430 | 440 | 450 | 460 | 470 |
|              | 480  | 490 | 500 | 510 | 520 | 530 |
| WT_2_Final   | GTCCTGTCTGCGACGGCGGGCGTGGAACGCGACCTGAACGGACGCGACTACGCGGTAACG             |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_del_2_F | GTCCTGTCTGCGACGGCGGGCGTGGAACGCGACCTGAACGGACGCGACTACGCGGTAACG             |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 480  | 490 | 500 | 510 | 520 | 530 |
|              | 540  | 550 | 560 | 570 | 580 | 590 |
| WT_2_Final   | GGCGGCTTTACCGGCGCGGCTGCAGCAACCGGCAAGACGGGTGCACGCAATATGCCGCAC             |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_del_2_F | GGCGGCTTTACCGGCGCGGCTGCAG-----   |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 540  | 550 | 560 |     |     |     |
|              | 600  | 610 | 620 | 630 | 640 | 650 |
| WT_2_Final   | ACCCGCCGGGTTGCCGGTCTGGGGGTGGATGTGCAATTCGGCAACGGCTGGAACGGCTTG             |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----  |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 660  | 670 | 680 | 690 | 700 | 710 |
| WT_2_Final   | GCACGTTACAGCTACACCGGTTCCAAACAGTACGGCAACCACAGCGGACAAATCGGCGTA             |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----  |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 720  | 730 | 740 | 750 | 760 | 770 |
| WT_2_Final   | GGCTACCGGTTCTGACGGACAGAAAACAGACAGCCGCAAAGATCACCGTCTTTGCGGCTG             |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----  |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 780  | 790 | 800 | 810 | 820 | 830 |
| WT_2_Final   | TTTCTTATGAAAAGAAAACCCTATTCCAATTGCCTGCTTCTATTGTTTCAAGACTTCTTC             |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----  |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 840  | 850 | 860 | 870 | 880 | 890 |

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| WT_2_Final   | CAAAGATTCGGCATCAATCAGACGTATAGCGGATTAACAAAAATCAGGACAAGGCGGCGG          |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----   |
|              |   |
|              | 900          910          920          930          940          950  |
| WT_2_Final   | GCCGCAGGCAGTACGGATGGTACGGAACCGATCCGCCCGGTGCTTCAGCACCTTAGGGAA          |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----   |
|              |   |
|              | 960          970          980          990          1000         1010 |
| WT_2_Final   | CCGTTCCCTTTGAGCCGGGGCGGGCAACGCCGTACCGGTTTTTTGTTTCATCCGCCATATT         |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----   |
|              |   |
|              | 1020         1030         1040         1050         1060         1070 |
| WT_2_Final   | GTGTTGAAACACCGCCCGGAACCCGATATAATCCGCCCTTCAACATCAGTGAAAATCTTT          |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----   |
|              |   |
|              | 1080         1090         1100         1110         1120         1130 |
| WT_2_Final   | TTTTAACCGGTCAAACCGAATAAGGAGCCGAAAATGAATCCAGCCCGCAAAAAACCTTCT          |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----   |
|              |   |
|              | 1140         1150         1160         1170         1180         1190 |
| WT_2_Final   | CTTCTCTTCTCTTCTCTTCTCTTCTCTTCTCTTCCGCAGCGCAGGCGGCAAGTGAAGGCA          |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----   |
|              |   |
|              | 1200         1210         1220         1230         1240         1250 |
| WT_2_Final   | ATGGCCGCGGCCCCGTATGTGCAGGCGGATTTAGCCTACGCCGCCGAACGCATTACCCACG         |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----   |
|              |   |
|              | 1260         1270         1280         1290         1300         1310 |
| WT_2_Final   | ATTATCCGGAACCAACCGGTGCAAAAAAGGCACAACAATAAGCACGGTAAGCGATTATT           |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----   |
|              |   |
|              | 1320         1330         1340         1350         1360         1370 |
| WT_2_Final   | TCAGAAACATCCGTACGCATTCCATCCACCCCCGGGTGTCGGTTCGGCTACGACTTCGGCG         |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----   |
|              |   |
|              | 1380         1390         1400         1410         1420         1430 |
| WT_2_Final   | GCTGGAGGATAGCGGCAGATTATGCCCGTTACAGAAAGTGGAACAACAATAAATATTCCG          |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----   |

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|--------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|              | 1440   | 1450 | 1460 | 1470 | 1480 | 1490 |
| WT_2_Final   | TGAGCATAAAAGAGTTGCTAAGAAACAAGGGCAATGGCAACAGGACAGACCTGAAGGCGG   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1500   | 1510 | 1520 | 1530 | 1540 | 1550 |
| WT_2_Final   | AAAATCAGGAAAACGGTACGTTCCACGCCGTTTCTTCTCTCGGCTTGTCCGCCGTTTACG   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1560   | 1570 | 1580 | 1590 | 1600 | 1610 |
| WT_2_Final   | ACTTCAAACCTCAACGATAAATTCAAACCCTATATCGGCGCGCGCTCGCCTACGGACACG   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1620   | 1630 | 1640 | 1650 | 1660 | 1670 |
| WT_2_Final   | TCAGACACAGCATCGATTTCGACCAAAAAACAACAGAGGTTCAACCCATCAACCATGGTC   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1680   | 1690 | 1700 | 1710 | 1720 | 1730 |
| WT_2_Final   | CCGGCACGACCCCTACGCAATCTCGAAGGCAATCTTTCCAAGGCACCCGGAATAAAGAT    |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1740   | 1750 | 1760 | 1770 | 1780 | 1790 |
| WT_2_Final   | ACAGCATCCCCGGAATGGGCCTGGCAACAGGGGCTGGTGTGGGCATGGGCCTCGGACTCA   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1800   | 1810 | 1820 | 1830 | 1840 | 1850 |
| WT_2_Final   | CCCTTTTCGTGGGAAGCCGGGTTTCGGCTGCCAAGGGTGGGGACGCCGAAAAAACACCCGCT |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1860   | 1870 | 1880 | 1890 | 1900 | 1910 |
| WT_2_Final   | TCAAAACCCGAGAAACCTCGTAGAAAGTGCGGACCGATGTGAAATTCGGAGAGAAGGACA   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1920   | 1930 | 1940 | 1950 | 1960 | 1970 |
| WT_2_Final   | CCGTTTCATCGATCCCATCGCATACGATGGTCCACACCGTCTGACGAAATCGCGGCGCCA   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1980   | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 |

|              |   |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| WT_2_Final   | TTACCGTAGCCGAGCATCCTTTCCGACAACACCGCAATCTCGAAACCCGTCATTCCCGCGC   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | -----TCCGACAACACCGCAATCTCGAAACCCGTCATTCCCGCGC                   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |   | 570  | 580  | 590  | 600  |      |
|              | 2040  | 2050 | 2060 | 2070 | 2080 | 2090 |
| WT_2_Final   | CAG-CGGAATCTAGATCTGTCTCAGTGCAG-AACTTATCGGGCAAACCGTTTTCTGAGAT    |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | CAGGCGGAATCTAGATCTGTCTCAGTGCAGGAAATTATCGGGCAAACCGTTTTCTTCTGAGAT |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 610   | 620  | 630  | 640  | 650  | 660  |
|              | 2100  | 2110 | 2120 | 2130 | 2140 | 2150 |
| WT_2_Final   | TT-GAGTCCTGGATTCCCACCTTCCGCGGGAATGACGGTTTCGGTTGCATAGGGTCAGATTG  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | TTTGAGTCCTGGATTCCCACCTTTCGCGGGAATGACGGTTTCGGTTGCATAGGGTCAGATTG  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 670   | 680  | 690  | 700  | 710  | 720  |
|              | 2160  | 2170 | 2180 | 2190 | 2200 | 2210 |
| WT_2_Final   | TCGAAAGGGGCGGATTTCGATGGATTTCGATGAAAACGGTAGAAATGTTGGATTGATGGGAA  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | TCGAAAGGGGCGGATTTCGATGGATTTCGATGAAAACGGTAGAAATGTTGGATTGATGGGAA  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 730   | 740  | 750  | 760  | 770  | 780  |
|              | 2220  | 2230 | 2240 | 2250 | 2260 | 2270 |
| WT_2_Final   | TGCGGACTGAAGCCCACCGATTTCATCGACTCCAACGTTTACGATGCTTCCAACGGTTTC    |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | TGCGGACTGAAGCCCACCGATTTCATCGACTCCAACGTTTACGATGCTTCCAACGGTTTC    |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 790   | 800  | 810  | 820  | 830  | 840  |
|              | 2280  | 2290 | 2300 | 2310 | 2320 | 2330 |
| WT_2_Final   | AGACGGCATTTTTTACACAATTCCCGCCATTTTCCATCATTTCCCACAATACCGTAATCT    |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | AGACGGCATTTTTTACACAATTCCCGCCATTTTCCATCATTTCCCACAATACCGTAATCT    |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 850   | 860  | 870  | 880  | 890  | 900  |
|              | 2340  | 2350 | 2360 | 2370 | 2380 | 2390 |
| WT_2_Final   | CGAAACCCGTCATTCCCGCGCAGGCGGGAATCCGGACCTGTCCGCACGGAAACTTATCGG    |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | CGAAACCCGTCATTCCCGCGCAGGCGGGAATCCGGACCTGTCCGCACGGAAACTTATCGG    |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 910   | 920  | 930  | 940  | 950  | 960  |
|              | 2400  | 2410 | 2420 | 2430 | 2440 | 2450 |
| WT_2_Final   | ATAAAAAACAGTTGCCCAAACCCCGCTCCTAGATTCCCACCTTCCGTGGGAATGACGGTTC   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | ATAAAAAACAGTTGCCCAAACCCCGCTCCTAGATTCCCACCTTCCGTGGGAATGACGGTTC   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 970   | 980  | 990  | 1000 | 1010 | 1020 |
|              | 2460  | 2470 | 2480 | 2490 | 2500 | 2510 |
| WT_2_Final   | GGTTGCGTTCCGACAACACCGTAGTCTCGAAACCCGTCCGACAACACCGTAGTCTCGAAA    |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | GGTTGCGTTCCGACAACACCGTAGTCTCGAAACCCGTCCGACAACACCGTAGTCTCGAAA    |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1030  | 1040 | 1050 | 1060 | 1070 | 1080 |
|              | 2520  | 2530 | 2540 | 2550 | 2560 | 2570 |
| WT_2_Final   | CCCGTCCGACAACACCGCAATCTCGAAACCCGTCATTCCCGCGCAGGCGGGAATCCGGAC    |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11 del 2 F | CCCGTCCGACAACACCGCAATCTCGAAACCCGTCATTCCCGCGCAGGCGGGAATCCGGA     |      |      |      |      |      |

|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|              | 1090   | 1100 | 1110 | 1120 | 1130 | 1140 |
| WT_2_Final   | 2580   | 2590 | 2600 | 2610 | 2620 | 2630 |
|              | CTGTCCGCACGGAACTTATCGGATAAAACGGTTGCCCAAACCCCGCGTCCTAGATTCCC                  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::     |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | CTGTCCGCACGGAACTTATCGGATAAAACGGTTGCCCAAACCCCGCGTCCTAGATTCCC                  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1150   | 1160 | 1170 | 1180 | 1190 | 1200 |
| WT_2_Final   | 2640   | 2650 | 2660 | 2670 | 2680 | 2690 |
|              | ACTTCCGTGGGAATGACGGTTCGGTTGCGTTCCGACAACACCGCAATCTCGAAACCCGTC                 |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::     |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | ACTTCCGTGGGAATGACGGTTCGGTTGCGTTCCGACAACACCGCAATCTCGAAACCCGTC                 |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1210   | 1220 | 1230 | 1240 | 1250 | 1260 |
| WT_2_Final   | 2700   | 2710 | 2720 | 2730 | 2740 | 2750 |
|              | ATTCCCGCGCAGGCGGGAATCCGGACCCCCGACGCGCGGGAATCTATCGGAAATGACTG                  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::     |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | ATTCCCGCGCAGGCGGGAATCCGGACCCCCGACGCGCGGGAATCTATCGGAAATGACTG                  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1270   | 1280 | 1290 | 1300 | 1310 | 1320 |
| WT_2_Final   | 2760   | 2770 | 2780 | 2790 | 2800 | 2810 |
|              | AAACCCCGCGTCCTAGATTCCCCTTCCGTGGGAATGACGGTTCGGTTGTGTTCCGACAA                  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: ::::::::::  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | AAACCCCGCGTCCTAGATTCCCCTTCCGTGGGAATGACGGTTCGGTT-TGTTCCGACAA                  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1330   | 1340 | 1350 | 1360 | 1370 |      |
| WT_2_Final   | 2820   | 2830 | 2840 | 2850 |      |      |
|              | CACCGTAGTCTCAAACCCTCATCCCCGCGCATATCCNNNT                                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :::           |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_del_2_F | CACCG-AGTCTCAAACCAGCATAGCCCAGTGACATGCC----                                   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1380   | 1390 | 1400 | 1410 |      |      |
| Wt_3_Final_a | 10   | 20   | 30   | 40   | 50   |      |
|              | NNCCCGATTAGCTGCTGGGGAGGTAAATAAAAAANNNGNNNT-----CAAATTTGTCCGGC                |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: : : : : : : : : : :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: :: ::         |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_3_F | NNNNNGCNNNNNCNTNNGCTACGGCA-TCCGCACCGGCCTGNAATCCAAATATGTCCTGC                 |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 10   | 20   | 30   | 40   | 50   |      |
| Wt_3_Final_a | 60   | 70   | 80   | 90   | 100  | 110  |
|              | ACAACCTGGGCTTCCGCTGCGCAAGCCAATAACCCCTTCAATTATAGGGGATTAACAAAA                 |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::     |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_3_F | ACAACCTGGGCTTCCGCTGCGCAAGCCAATAACCCCTTCAATTATAGGGGATTAACAAAA                 |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 60   | 70   | 80   | 90   | 100  | 110  |
| Wt_3_Final_a | 120  | 130  | 140  | 150  | 160  | 170  |
|              | ACCGGTCCGGCGTTGCCTCGCCTTGCCGTACTGGTTTTTGTTAATCCGCTATATTCCCCC                 |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :::           |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_3_F | ACCAGTACGGCGTTGCCTCGCCTTGCCGTACTGGTTTTTGTTAATCCGCTATATTCCCCC                 |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 120  | 130  | 140  | 150  | 160  | 170  |
| Wt_3_Final_a | 180  | 190  | 200  | 210  | 220  | 230  |
|              | ATCTTTAAATTTACAGCGATACACGGGTAATTTAAGGAATGCCCAAACCGTCATTCCCCG                 |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::: :: :::::::::: :::::::::: |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_3_F | TTCTCTAAATTTACAGCGATACACGGGTAATTTAAGGAATGCCCGAACCGTCTTTCCCCG                 |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 180  | 190  | 200  | 210  | 220  | 230  |



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MS11_DEL_3_F  TCCACGGCCGCCCGNATCAACCCGGGCGGCTTGTCTTTTAAGGGTTTGCAAGGCGGGCGG
              780          790          800          810          820          830

              840          850          860          870          880          890
Wt_3_Final_a  GGTTCGTCCGTTCCGGTGGAATAATATATCGATTGCGCTTCAAGGCCCTGCATGTGCCTC
              : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
MS11_DEL_3_F  GGTTCGTCCGTTCCGGTGAAAATAATATATCGATTGCGCTTCAGGGCCCTGCATGTGCCTC
              840          850          860          870          880          890

              900          910          920          930          940          950
Wt_3_Final_a  ATTGCCACCCGTTTAAACACGGTTTTTATCTGACAGGCGCGCAACCCGCCCCCTCATTTG
              : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
MS11_DEL_3_F  ATTGCCACCCGTTTAAACACGGTTTTTATCTGACAGGCGCGCAACCCGCCCCCTCATTTG
              900          910          920          930          940          950

              960          970          980          990          1000          1010
Wt_3_Final_a  CCGAACAAGCGGTCCGGACTCCCGCCCGCGCGGAATGACGGCTGCAGATGCCCCGACGGT
              : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
MS11_DEL_3_F  CCGAACAAGCGGTCCGGACTCCCGCCCGCGCGGAATGACGGCTGCAGATGCCCCGACGGT
              960          970          980          990          1000          1010

              1020          1030          1040          1050          1060          1070
Wt_3_Final_a  CTTTATAGCGGATTAACAAAAATCAGGACAAGGCGGCGGGCCGCAGGCAGTACAAATGGT
              : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
MS11_DEL_3_F  CTTTATAGCGGATTAACAAAAATCANGACAAGGCGGCGGGCCGCANGCAGTACGGATGGT
              1020          1030          1040          1050          1060          1070

              1080          1090          1100          1110          1120          1130
Wt_3_Final_a  ACGGAACCGATCCGCCCCGGTGCTTGGGCGCCTTAGGGAACCGTTCCCTTTGAGCCGGGGC
              : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
MS11_DEL_3_F  ACGGAACCGGTTCCGCCCCGGTGCTTGGGCGCCTTAGGGAACCGTTCCCTTTGAGCCGGGGC
              1080          1090          1100          1110          1120          1130

              1140          1150          1160          1170          1180          1190
Wt_3_Final_a  GGGGCAACGACGTACCGGTTTTTTGTTCATCCGCCATATTGTGTTGAAACACCGCCCGGAA
              : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
MS11_DEL_3_F  GGGGCAACGCCGTACCGGTTTTTTGTTAATCCGCCATATTGTGTTGAAACACCGCCCGGAA
              1140          1150          1160          1170          1180          1190

              1200          1210          1220          1230          1240          1250
Wt_3_Final_a  CCCGATATAATCCGCCCTTCAACATCAGTGAAAATCTTTTTTTAACCGGTCAAACCGAAT
              : : :
MS11_DEL_3_F  CCC-----
              1200

              1260          1270          1280          1290          1300          1310
Wt_3_Final_a  AAGGAGCCGAAAATGAATCCAGCCCCCAAAAACCTTCTTCTTCTTCTTCTTCTTCTC
MS11_DEL_3_F  -----

              1320          1330          1340          1350          1360          1370
Wt_3_Final_a  TTCTCTTCTCTCCGCAGCGCAGGCGGGGGGAGAAACTATGGCCGCGGTGCCTACGTGCG
MS11_DEL_3_F  -----

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|              | 1380   | 1390 | 1400 | 1410 | 1420 | 1430 |
| Wt_3_Final_a | CGCTGATGTCGGATACGCCTACTAAAACCTTACCGGCAATTATGTCCAACACACCCCTCC   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_3_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1440   | 1450 | 1460 | 1470 | 1480 | 1490 |
| Wt_3_Final_a | AAAAAAGCACAATTAAGCACGGTAAGCGATTATTTTCAGAAACATCCGTACGCATTCCAT   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_3_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1500   | 1510 | 1520 | 1530 | 1540 | 1550 |
| Wt_3_Final_a | CCACCCAGGGTGTCTGGTCTGGCTACGACTTCGGCGGCTGGAGGATAGCGGCAGATTATGC  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_3_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1560   | 1570 | 1580 | 1590 | 1600 | 1610 |
| Wt_3_Final_a | CCGTTACAGAAAGTGAACAACAATAAATATTCCGTTAACATAAAAGAGTTGCTAAGAAA    |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_3_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1620   | 1630 | 1640 | 1650 | 1660 | 1670 |
| Wt_3_Final_a | CGATAATGCCAATTCTGGCGGCAGCCATCTTAACATAAAAACCCGAAAGACGGAACATCG   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_3_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1680   | 1690 | 1700 | 1710 | 1720 | 1730 |
| Wt_3_Final_a | GGAAAACGGCACATTCCACGCCGCTCTTCTCTCGGCTTGTCGCCGTTTACGATTTCGA     |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_3_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1740   | 1750 | 1760 | 1770 | 1780 | 1790 |
| Wt_3_Final_a | TACCGGTTCCCGCTTCAAACCTATATCGGCATGCGCGTCGCCTACGGACACGTCAGACA    |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_3_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1800   | 1810 | 1820 | 1830 | 1840 | 1850 |
| Wt_3_Final_a | TCAGGTTTCGTTTCGGTTCAACAAGAAACCATTGCTGTTACCACTTACCCACAGAATGCTGC |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_3_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1860   | 1870 | 1880 | 1890 | 1900 | 1910 |
| Wt_3_Final_a | GTCAAGTGTTACCACAAATGCTCCGATCCGCAAACCTCCCCATCACGAAAGCCGCAGCAT   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_3_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1920   | 1930 | 1940 | 1950 | 1960 | 1970 |
| Wt_3_Final_a | CAGCAGCTTGGGCTTCGGCGCAGTGGCAGGCGTAGGCATCGACATCACGCCAACCTGAC    |      |      |      |      |      |

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MS11_DEL_3_F -----

                1980      1990      2000      2010      2020      2030
Wt_3_Final_a  CCTGGACGCCGGCTACCGCTACCACAACCTGGGGACGCTTGGAAAACACCCGCTTCAAAAC
MS11_DEL_3_F -----

                2040      2050      2060      2070      2080      2090
Wt_3_Final_a  CCACGAAGCCTCGTTGGGCGTGCCTACCGCTTCTGATTGCGCGATTCCGATGCCGTCTG
                .....
MS11_DEL_3_F  --ACGAAGCCTCGTTGGGCGTGCCTACCGCTTCTGATTGCGCGATTCCGATGCCGTCTG
                1210      1220      1230      1240      1250      1260

                2100      2110      2120      2130      2140      2150
Wt_3_Final_a  AACCTTCAGACGGCATGAGGCCTTTGCCTGCGCACTTGGTGCGCTGGTCGCCTCCGAACA
                .....
MS11_DEL_3_F  AACCTTCAGACGGCATGAGGCCTTTGCCTGCGCACTTGGTGCGCTGGTCGCCTCCGAACA
                1270      1280      1290      1300      1310      1320

                2160      2170      2180      2190      2200      2210
Wt_3_Final_a  TGGCGCAACACCCGACATTTCCGCCGAACGCATCGGGCGTTTCATAAACCCGGTTTAAAA
                .....
MS11_DEL_3_F  TGGCGCAACACCCGACATTTCCGCCGAACGCATCGGGCGTTTCATAAACCCGGTTTAAAA
                1330      1340      1350      1360      1370      1380

                2220      2230      2240      2250      2260      2270
Wt_3_Final_a  CGCATGGAAAAATGCCGTCTGAAAGCCTTTTCAGACGGCATTTTGTGTTGAGATTCCGTTTA
                .....
MS11_DEL_3_F  CGCATGGAAAAATGCCGTCTGAAAGCCTTTTCAGACGGCATTTTGTGTTGAGATTCCGTTTA
                1390      1400      1410      1420      1430      1440

                2280      2290      2300      2310      2320      2330
Wt_3_Final_a  CCAATGGCTGACAAACGCTTCCAAATCGGTATTCTTGGGCTTATGCACTTCCTCTGTTCGG
                .....
MS11_DEL_3_F  CCAATGGCTGACAAACGCTTCCAAATCGGTATTCTTGGGCTTATGCACTTCCTCTGTTCGG
                1450      1460      1470      1480      1490      1500

                2340      2350      2360      2370      2380      2390
Wt_3_Final_a  CGTGCCGACCATCATCAGCCCGATGATTTTATCCTTATCCTCGCAACCGNNGNCTCCCGC
                .....
MS11_DEL_3_F  CGTGCCGACCATCATCAGCCCGATGATTTTATCCTTATCCTCGCAACCGNNGNCTCCCGC
                1510      1520      1530      1540      1550      1560

                2400      2410      2420      2430      2440      2450
Wt_3_Final_a  AACAATGGGCTGTTGACCCACATCCCCGTAATCCAGACATTGTGCAATCCCNGAGCCNNN
                .....
MS11_DEL_3_F  AACAATGGGCTGTTGACCCACATCCCCGTAATCCAGACATTGTGCAATCCCNGAGCCNNN
                1570      1580      1590      1600      1610      1620

                2460      2470      2480      2490      2500      2510
Wt_3_Final_a  NNNNNNNCAGCGCATACGCCNCANNNCANNNNCAGCATCTGCTNCCNNNGNTTNNNNNTN
                .....
MS11_DEL_3_F  NNNNNNNCAGCGCATACGCCNCANNNCANNNNCAGCATCTGCTNCCNNNGNTTNNNNNTN
                1630      1640      1650      1660      1670      1680

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|              | 2520   | 2530 | 2540 | 2550 | 2560 | 2570 |
| Wt_3_Final_a | AGNNNATCNNNNNGGNNNCAAACNNNNCNCNNANGACATCGGNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN             |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_3_F | AGNNNATCNNNNNGGNNNCAAACNNNNCNCNNANGACATCGGNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN             |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1690   | 1700 | 1710 | 1720 | 1730 | 1740 |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 2580   | 2590 | 2600 | 2610 |      |      |
| Wt_3_Final_a | NNTTCATNNNATCNNCGNNNANNNNNNNNNNGGCNAA                                    |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::                         |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_3_F | NNTTCATNNNATCNNCGNNNANNNNNNNNNNGGCNAA                                    |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1750   | 1760 | 1770 |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 10   | 20   | 30   | 40   | 50   |      |
| MS11_opa4_fi | -----CCCGTATCGCACTCTTGACTTCCACGAAAGATGGAATCTGGAATCTCGATACTT              |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::: ::::::::::: : : ::::: ::: ::::::::::::::::::: ::::                   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_4_F | ABNNNNCCCATATCGCACTTTTCGTCTTCCCGCGAAGCGGAATCTGGAATCTCGG-ACTT             |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 10   | 20   | 30   | 40   | 50   |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 60   | 70   | 80   | 90   | 100  | 110  |
| MS11_opa4_fi | TCACAGTATCTTTGAATATTGCCGTTGTTCCAAGGTCGCGGATTCCCCCGCGCCGCAT               |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | : : : ::::::::::::::::::: ::::::::::::::::::: ::::::::::: ::::: ::::     |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_4_F | T-AGATAATCTTTGAATATTGCCG-TTGTTCCAAGGTC-CGGATTCCCCCGCGCGCGCAA             |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 60   | 70   | 80   | 90   | 100  | 110  |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 120  | 130  | 140  | 150  | 160  | 170  |
| MS11_opa4_fi | GTTTCCTAAGCCTGTCCATTTTGGCCTAAGGTCAAAAATCACCCGTACCGAGTATTACC              |      |      |      |      |      |
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| MS11_DEL_4_F | GTTTCCTAAGCCA-TCC-TTTTGGCCGAAGGTCAAAAATCAGCCGTACCGAGTATTACC              |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 120  | 130  | 140  | 150  | 160  | 170  |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 180  | 190  | 200  | 210  | 220  | 230  |
| MS11_opa4_fi | TGAGTCACGGGATATGGCCGAAAGACAACACTTCTGCCGGCGTGGCATCCCCCCTCCG               |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::: ::::: : ::   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_4_F | TGAATCACGGCATATGGCCGAAAGACAACACTTCTGCCGGCGTGGCATCCCCCCTCCG               |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 180  | 190  | 200  | 210  | 220  | 230  |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 240  | 250  | 260  | 270  | 280  | 290  |
| MS11_opa4_fi | ACATCAAAGGCAAATATGTTCAAAGCGTTACGGTCGCAAACGGCGTCGTTACCGCCCAA              |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_4_F | ACATCAAAGGCAAATATGTTCAAAGCGTTACGGTCGCAAACGGCGTCGTTACCGCCCAA              |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 240  | 250  | 260  | 270  | 280  | 290  |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 300  | 310  | 320  | 330  | 340  | 350  |
| MS11_opa4_fi | TGAAATCAGACGGCGTAAACAAAGAAATCAAAAACAAAAAACTCTCCCTGTGGGCCAAGC             |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_4_F | TGAAATCAGACGGCGTAAACAAAGAAATCAAAAACAAAAAACTCTCCCTGTGGGCCAAGC             |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 300  | 310  | 320  | 330  | 340  | 350  |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 360  | 370  | 380  | 390  | 400  | 410  |
| MS11_opa4_fi | GTGAAAACGGTTCGGTAAATGGTTCTGCGGACAGCCGGTTACGCGCGCC---GCCAAAG              |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::::: ::: ::::::::::     |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_4_F | GTGAAGCCGGTTCGGTAAATGGTTCTGCGGACAGCCGGTTACGCGCGCCAAAGCCAAAG              |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 360  | 370  | 380  | 390  | 400  | 410  |
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|              | 420  | 430  | 440  | 450  |      |      |

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MS11_opa4_fi  ACG-----ACGACGCCGTCACCGCCGACGGCAACAA---CAAAATCGACA
               ::::              ::::: : :::::  ::::  :::::
MS11_DEL_4_F  ACGCCGACGACGTTACCGACGACGCCGGCACCGACAACGGCGGCAAAGGCAAATCGACA
               420      430      440      450      460      470

               460      470      480      490
MS11_opa4_fi  CCAAGCACCTGCCGTCAACCTGCCGCGACACTTCATCTGCC-----
               :::::
MS11_DEL_4_F  CCAAGCACCTGCCGTCAACCTGCCGCGATAAATCAACTGCCAAATAAGGCAAATTAGGCC
               480      490      500      510      520      530

               500      510      520      530
MS11_opa4_fi  -----GGTAAGTGATTTTCCACGGCCGCCCGGATCAACCCGGG
               :::::
MS11_DEL_4_F  TTAAATTTTAAATAAATCAAACGGTAAGTGATTTCCACGGCCGCCCGGATCAACCCGGG
               540      550      560      570      580      590

               540      550      560      570      580      590
MS11_opa4_fi  CGGCTTGTCTTTTAAGGGTTTGCAAGGCGGGCGGGGTCGTCCGTTCCGGTGGAATAATA
               :::::
MS11_DEL_4_F  CGGCTTGTCTTTTAAGGGTTTGCAAGGCGGGCGGGGTCGTCCGTTCCGGTGGAATAATA
               600      610      620      630      640      650

               600      610      620      630      640      650
MS11_opa4_fi  TATCGATTGCGCTTCAAGGCCCTGCATGTGCCTCATTGCCACCCGTTTAAACACGGTTTT
               :::::
MS11_DEL_4_F  TATCGATTGCGCTTCAAGGCCCTGCATGTGCCTCATTGCCACCCGTTTAAACACGGTTTT
               660      670      680      690      700      710

               660      670      680      690      700      710
MS11_opa4_fi  TATCTGACAGGCGCGCAACCCGCCCCCTCATTTGCCGAACAAGCGGTCCGGACTCCCGCC
               :::::
MS11_DEL_4_F  TATCTGACAGGCGCGCAATCCGCCCCCTCATTTGC-----

               720      730      740      750      760      770
MS11_opa4_fi  CGCGCGGGAATGACGGCTGCAGATGCCCCGACGGTCTTTATAGCGGATTAACAAAATCAG
MS11_DEL_4_F  -----

               780      790      800      810      820      830
MS11_opa4_fi  GACAAGGCGGGCGGGCCGCGAGGCAGTACAAATGGTACGGAACCGATCCGCCCCGGTGCTTGG
MS11_DEL_4_F  -----

               840      850      860      870      880      890
MS11_opa4_fi  GCGCCTTAGGGAACCGTTCCCTTTGAGCCGGGGCGGGGCAACGCCGTACCGGTTTTTGT
MS11_DEL_4_F  -----

               900      910      920      930      940      950
MS11_opa4_fi  AATCCGCCATATTGTGTTGAAACACCGCCCCGGAACCCGATATAATCCGCCCTTCAACATC

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MS11_DEL_4_F -----

          960          970          980          990          1000          1010
MS11_opa4_fi AGTGAAAATCTTTTTTTTAACCGGTCAAACCGAATAAGGAGCCGAAAATGAATCCAGCCCC
MS11_DEL_4_F -----

          1020          1030          1040          1050          1060          1070
MS11_opa4_fi CAAAAAACCTTCTCTTCTCTTCTCTTCTCTTCTCTTCTCTTCTCTTCCGCAGCGCAGGCG
MS11_DEL_4_F -----

          1080          1090          1100          1110          1120          1130
MS11_opa4_fi GCGGGTGAAGACCATGGGCGCGGCCGTATGTGCAGGCGGATTTAGCCTACGCCTACGAA
MS11_DEL_4_F -----

          1140          1150          1160          1170          1180          1190
MS11_opa4_fi CACATTACCCACGATTATCCGGAACCAACCGGTACAAAAAAGACAAAATAAGCACGGTA
MS11_DEL_4_F -----

          1200          1210          1220          1230          1240          1250
MS11_opa4_fi AGCGATTATTTAGAAACATCCGTACGCATTCCATCCACTCCAGGGTGTGCGTTGGATAC
MS11_DEL_4_F -----
          720          730          740

          1260          1270          1280          1290          1300          1310
MS11_opa4_fi GACTTTGGCTGCTGGAGGATAGCGGCCAGATTATCCCCGTTACAGGAAAATGAAACGACA
MS11_DEL_4_F -----

          1320          1330          1340          1350          1360          1370
MS11_opa4_fi ATAAATATTCAGTCGGCAATAAAAGAGTTAGAAAACAAGAATCAGAAGTAAGAGAGACCT
MS11_DEL_4_F -----

          1380          1390          1400          1410          1420          1430
MS11_opa4_fi GAAGACGGAAAATCAGGAAAACGGTACGTTCCACGCCGTCTCCTCGCTCGGTTTGTGAGC
MS11_DEL_4_F -----

          1440          1450          1460          1470          1480          1490
MS11_opa4_fi CGTTTGGGATTTCAAACCTCAACGATAAATTCAAACCTATATCGGTGCGCGCGTCGCNTA
MS11_DEL_4_F -----

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|              | 1500  | 1510 | 1520 | 1530 | 1540 | 1550 |
| MS11_opa4_fi | CGGACACGTCAGACACAGCATCGATTGACCAAAAAACAACAAAGTTTCTTACCTCCTC    |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_4_F | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1560  | 1570 | 1580 | 1590 | 1600 | 1610 |
| MS11_opa4_fi | CTATGGTGGCTTAAACCCTACGGTTTATACTGAGGAAAATACGCAAAACGCCCATCACCA  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_4_F | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1620  | 1630 | 1640 | 1650 | 1660 | 1670 |
| MS11_opa4_fi | AAGTAACAGCATCCGCCGCTGGGCCTCGGCGTCATCGCCGGCGTCGGTTTCGACATCAC   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_4_F | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1680  | 1690 | 1700 | 1710 | 1720 | 1730 |
| MS11_opa4_fi | GCCCCAAGCTGACCCTGGACACCGGCTACCGCTACCACTATTGGGGACGCTTGAAAAACAC |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_4_F | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1740  | 1750 | 1760 | 1770 | 1780 | 1790 |
| MS11_opa4_fi | CCGCTTCAAAACCCACGAAGCCTCGTTGGGCGTGCGCTACCGCTTCTGATTCCCCGATAC  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |   |      |      | :    | :    | :    |
| MS11_DEL_4_F | -----TCATTGGGCATGCGCTACCGCTTCTGATTCCCCGATAC                   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |   | 750  | 760  | 770  | 780  |      |
|              | 1800  | 1810 | 1820 | 1830 | 1840 | 1850 |
| MS11_opa4_fi | CGATGCCGTCTGAACCTTCAGACGGCATTTTTTGATGCGCCCGCTGTTTACAGGCGCGGGG |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :   | :    | :    | :    | :    | :    |
| MS11_DEL_4_F | CGATGCCGTCTGAACCTTCAGACGGCATTTTTAAT-CGCCCCGCGTTTACAGGCGCGGGG  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 790   | 800  | 810  | 820  | 830  | 840  |
|              | 1860  | 1870 | 1880 | 1890 | 1900 |      |
| MS11_opa4_fi | CGGGCGTGG--AAATACCCGAACCGTCATTGCCGATA-CACCGTAACCCTAAAACCCGCC  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :   | :    | :    | :    | :    | :    |
| MS11_DEL_4_F | CGGGCGCAGTAAATACCCGAACCGTCATTCCCGACAACACCGCAATCTCGAAATTCGTC   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 850   | 860  | 870  | 880  | 890  | 900  |
|              | 1910  | 1920 | 1930 | 1940 | 1950 | 1960 |
| MS11_opa4_fi | ATTCCCGCGCAGGCGGGAATCCGGACCTGTCCGCACGGAACTTATCGGATAAAACGGTT   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :   | :    | :    | :    | :    | :    |
| MS11_DEL_4_F | ATTCCCGCGCAGGCGGGAATCCGGACCTGTCCGCACGGAACTTATCGGATAAAACGGTT   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 910   | 920  | 930  | 940  | 950  | 960  |
|              | 1970  | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2020 |
| MS11_opa4_fi | GCCCCAAACCCCGCGTCCTAGATTCCCCTTCCGTGGGAATGACGGTTTCGGTTGCTACGGC |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :   | :    | :    | :    | :    | :    |
| MS11_DEL_4_F | GCCCCAAACCCCGCGTCCTAGATTCCCCTTCCGTGGGAATGACGGTTTCGGTTGCTACGGC |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 970   | 980  | 990  | 1000 | 1010 | 1020 |
|              | 2030  | 2040 | 2050 | 2060 | 2070 |      |
| MS11_opa4_fi | CCGCTGATTCCCCGACACCGATGCCGTCTGAACCT-CAGACGCATTNC-----         |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :   | :    | :    | :    | :    | :    |

| MS11_DEL_4_F | CCGCTGATTCCCCGACACCGATGCCGTCTGAACCTTCAGACGGCNTNCNNNA           |      |      |      |      |     |
|--------------|--|------|------|------|------|-----|
|              | 1030   | 1040 | 1050 | 1060 | 1070 |     |
|              | 10   | 20   | 30   | 40   | 50   | 60  |
| WT_5_Final   | ABNNNNNGGCATCGCACGGAAGTGCCGCCATGACGGCGCACTCATCCGCGTCTCTCCCTTCG |      |      |      |      |     |
| Del_5_Final  | BNNNNCCGAAGAGCAACGGATTGCCGCCATGACGGCGCACTCATCCGCGTCTCTCCCTTCG  |      |      |      |      |     |
|              | 10   | 20   | 30   | 40   | 50   | 60  |
|              | 70   | 80   | 90   | 100  | 110  | 120 |
| WT_5_Final   | GAAAACGGACTCGACATCCTGCAAGTGTGTTGAAGAAATCTCTTGACAGCGTCAATACCACA |      |      |      |      |     |
| Del_5_Final  | GAAAACGGACTCGACATCCTGCAAGTGTGTTGAAGAAATTTCTTGACAGCATCAACACCACA |      |      |      |      |     |
|              | 70   | 80   | 90   | 100  | 110  | 120 |
|              | 130  | 140  | 150  | 160  | 170  | 180 |
| WT_5_Final   | GCCGCCGGCGGCAACGCCGGCCTGATGGCGGTTGCCGACTGATTTTGCCAAACCGCCCCG   |      |      |      |      |     |
| Del_5_Final  | GCCGCCGGCGGCAACGCCGGCCTGATGGCGGTTGCCGACTGATTTTGCCAAACCGCCCCG   |      |      |      |      |     |
|              | 130  | 140  | 150  | 160  | 170  | 180 |
|              | 190  | 200  | 210  | 220  | 230  | 240 |
| WT_5_Final   | GCGCGGCCCCGTGAACAAATGCCGTCTGAAAACCTTTCAGGCGGCATTTTATAGTGGATTA  |      |      |      |      |     |
| Del_5_Final  | GCGCGGCCCCGTGAACGAATGCCGTCTGAAAACCTTTCAGGCGGCATTTTATAGTGGATTA  |      |      |      |      |     |
|              | 190  | 200  | 210  | 220  | 230  | 240 |
|              | 250  | 260  | 270  | 280  | 290  | 300 |
| WT_5_Final   | ACAAAAATCAGGACAAGGCGGGCGGCCGACAGTACAAAAATAGTACGGCAAGGCGGGC     |      |      |      |      |     |
| Del_5_Final  | ACAAAAATCAGGACAAGGCGGGCGGGCCGACAGTACAAA-TAGTACGGCAAGGCGGGC     |      |      |      |      |     |
|              | 250  | 260  | 270  | 280  | 290  |     |
|              | 310  | 320  | 330  | 340  | 350  | 360 |
| WT_5_Final   | CAACGCTGTACTGGTTTAAATTCAATTCACTATATGTGTTGGCACATCGCTCCAAACCTG   |      |      |      |      |     |
| Del_5_Final  | CAACGCTGTACTGGTTTAAATTCAATTCACTATATGTGTTGGCACATCGCTCCAAACCT-   |      |      |      |      |     |
|              | 300  | 310  | 320  | 330  | 340  | 350 |
|              | 370  | 380  | 390  | 400  | 410  | 420 |
| WT_5_Final   | ATATAATCCGCCTTTCAACATCAGTGAAAATCGTTCTTTTATAGTCAGTTAACATTAAATT  |      |      |      |      |     |
| Del_5_Final  | -----  |      |      |      |      |     |
|              | 430  | 440  | 450  | 460  | 470  | 480 |
| WT_5_Final   | TCGGAGTCGAAAAATGAATCCAGCCCCAAAAAACTTCTCTTCTCTCTCTTCTCTTCTCT    |      |      |      |      |     |
| Del_5_Final  | -----  |      |      |      |      |     |
|              | 490  | 500  | 510  | 520  | 530  | 540 |
| WT_5_Final   | TCTCTTCTCTTCTCTTCTCTTCTCTTCTCTTCCGCAGCGCAGGCGGCAAGTGAAGACGGC   |      |      |      |      |     |
| Del_5_Final  | -----  |      |      |      |      |     |

|             |   |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|
|             | 550   | 560  | 570  | 580  | 590  | 600  |
| WT_5_Final  | GGCCGCGGCCCCGTATGTGCAGGCGGATTTAGCCTACGCCTACGAACACATTACCCACGAT |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 610   | 620  | 630  | 640  | 650  | 660  |
| WT_5_Final  | TATCCGAAACCAACCGATCCAAGCAAAGGCAAATAAGCACGGTAAGCGATTATTTTCAGA  |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 670   | 680  | 690  | 700  | 710  | 720  |
| WT_5_Final  | AACATCCGTACGCATTCCATCCACCCCAGGGTGTCGGTTGGCTACGACTTCGGTGGCTGG  |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 730   | 740  | 750  | 760  | 770  | 780  |
| WT_5_Final  | AGGATAGCGACAGATTATGCCCCGTTACAGGAAATGGAGCGACAATAAATATTCCGTCAGC |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 790   | 800  | 810  | 820  | 830  | 840  |
| WT_5_Final  | ATAAAAAATATGCGGGTACATAAACACAATAGCAACAGGAAAAACCTGAAGACGGAAAAT  |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | -----CTGCAGAC-----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|             |   |      |      |      | 360  |      |
|             | 850   | 860  | 870  | 880  | 890  | 900  |
| WT_5_Final  | CAGGAAAACGGCAGCTTCCACGCCGTTTCTTCTCTCGGCTTATCCGCTATTTACGATTTT  |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 910   | 920  | 930  | 940  | 950  | 960  |
| WT_5_Final  | CAAATAACGATAAATTCAAACCCTATATCGGCGCGCGCTCGCCTACGGACACGTCAGA    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 970   | 980  | 990  | 1000 | 1010 | 1020 |
| WT_5_Final  | CACAGCATCGATTGCGACTAAAAAATAACAGGGCTTCTTACCACCAGTACTCCTGGCATA  |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1030  | 1040 | 1050 | 1060 | 1070 | 1080 |
| WT_5_Final  | ATGTTTGGGGTTTATAAGGTATTAAGGACACCAGGCGCCCATCGCGAAAGCGACAGCATC  |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |



|             |   |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
|-------------|---|---------------------------------|------------------|------|------|------|
|             | 1090  | 1100                            | 1110             | 1120 | 1130 | 1140 |
| WT_5_Final  | CGCCGCGTGGGTCTCGGTGT  | CATCGCCGGCGTCGGTTTCGACAT        | CACGCCCAAGCTGACC |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | -----   |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
|             |   |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
|             | 1150  | 1160                            | 1170             | 1180 | 1190 | 1200 |
| WT_5_Final  | CTGGACGCCGGCTACCGCTACCACA                                     | ACTGGGGACGCTTGGA                | AAACACCCGCTTCAA  | AACC |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | -----   |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
|             |   |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
|             | 1210  | 1220                            | 1230             | 1240 | 1250 | 1260 |
| WT_5_Final  | CACGAAGCTTCATTGGGCGTGCGCTACCGCTTTTGATT                        | CGCCGATTCCGATGCCGTCTGA          |                  |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | CACGAAGCCTCATTGGGCATGCGCTACCGCTTCTGATT                        | CCCCGATACCGATGCCGTCTGA          |                  |      |      |      |
|             | 370   | 380                             | 390              | 400  | 410  | 420  |
|             |   |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
|             | 1270  | 1280                            | 1290             | 1300 | 1310 | 1320 |
| WT_5_Final  | ACCTTCAGACGGCATT  | TTTTAAGGCGCAAGATCGGGCAAACGGCATT | TTTCAGACGGCATAA  |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | ACCTTCAGACGGCATT  | TTTTAAGGCGCAAGATCGGGCAAACGGCATT | TTTCAGACGGCATAA  |      |      |      |
|             | 430   | 440                             | 450              | 460  | 470  | 480  |
|             |   |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
|             | 1330  | 1340                            | 1350             | 1360 | 1370 | 1380 |
| WT_5_Final  | CTGACAGTATAATCCGAACATCCGGCCGCTTTTCGCGCGGCCTTCAGCATTATCCGATTTT |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | CTGACAGTATAATCCGAACATCCGGCCGCTTTTCGCGCGGCCTTCGGCATTATCCGATTTT |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
|             | 490   | 500                             | 510              | 520  | 530  | 540  |
|             |   |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
|             | 1390  | 1400                            | 1410             | 1420 | 1430 |      |
| WT_5_Final  | TTCCGAAAGCCGAACCATGCAATACAAACCCCTCCTGCTCGCCCTGATGCTTG         | --CAGG                          |                  |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | TTCCGAAAGCCGAACCATGCAATACAAACCCCTCCTGCTCGCCCTGATGCTTG         | GGGCAGG                         |                  |      |      |      |
|             | 550   | 560                             | 570              | 580  | 590  | 600  |
|             |   |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
|             | 1440  | 1450                            | 1460             | 1470 | 1480 | 1490 |
| WT_5_Final  | CGGCGGGTGAAGACCATGGGCGCGGCCCGTATGTG                           | CAGGCGGATCTGGCTTACGCCTACG       |                  |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | CGGCGGGTGAAGACCATGGGCGCGGCCCGTATGTG                           | CAGGCGGATCTGGCTTACGCCTACG       |                  |      |      |      |
|             | 610   | 620                             | 630              | 640  | 650  | 660  |
|             |   |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
|             | 1500  | 1510                            | 1520             | 1530 | 1540 | 1550 |
| WT_5_Final  | AGCACATCACCCGCGATTATCCCGAAGCAACCGGTGCAAACCAAGGCA              | AAA---TAAGCA                    |                  |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | AGCACATCACCCGCGATTATCCCGAAGCAACCGGTGCA                        | AAAAAAGGCACAACAATAAGCA          |                  |      |      |      |
|             | 670   | 680                             | 690              | 700  | 710  | 720  |
|             |   |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
|             | 1560  | 1570                            | 1580             | 1590 | 1600 | 1610 |
| WT_5_Final  | CGGTAAGCGATTATTTCAAAAACATCCGCACCCGCTCCGTCCACCCCGACTCGCCCTCG   |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | CGGTAAGCGATTATTTCAAAAACATCCGCACCCGCTCCGTCCACCCCGACTCGCCCTCG   |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
|             | 730   | 740                             | 750              | 760  | 770  | 780  |
|             |   |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
|             | 1620  | 1630                            | 1640             | 1650 | 1660 | 1670 |
| WT_5_Final  | GCTACGATTTTCGGCGGCTGGCGCGTCTTTTCCGCCCCCGCCGTTGCCGCCGGCCTCCACC |                                 |                  |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | GCTACGATTTTCGGCGGCTGGCGCGTCTTTTCCGCCCCCGCCGTTGCCGCCAGCCTCCACC |                                 |                  |      |      |      |

|             |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|             | 790  | 800  | 810  | 820  | 830  | 840  |
| WT_5_Final  | 1680   | 1690 | 1700 | 1710 | 1720 | 1730 |
|             | AATCCCTTCAATATTACCGATCCCGCCATTGCCGCCGATTCCGTCAAATCCATCAATTCC                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | AATCCCTTCAATATTACCGATCCCGCCATTGCCGCCGATTCCGTCAAATCCATCAATTCC                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 850  | 860  | 870  | 880  | 890  | 900  |
| WT_5_Final  | 1740   | 1750 | 1760 | 1770 | 1780 | 1790 |
|             | GCCGAATCACGCCTATTCCCCAAAAACCTTGATGCGGCGGGCTGAAGCCCGCCCTGCAAC                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | GCCGAATCACGCCTATTCCCCAAAAACCTTGATGCGGCGGGCTGAAGCCCGCCCTGCAAC                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 910  | 920  | 930  | 940  | 950  | 960  |
| WT_5_Final  | 1800   | 1810 | 1820 | 1830 | 1840 | 1850 |
|             | CCTCTCTATGCACCCCCTTGCGAGCCCGACACTACGCAACATCTTGAGAACCCATCCTGT                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | CCTCTCTATGCACCCCCTTGCGAGCCCGACACTACGCAACATCTTGAGAACCCATCCTGT                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 970  | 980  | 990  | 1000 | 1010 | 1020 |
| WT_5_Final  | 1860   | 1870 | 1880 | 1890 | 1900 | 1910 |
|             | CAAGAATACCCGAACCGTCCCGATACACCGTAATCCTAAAACCCGCCATTCCCGCGCTGC                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | CAAGAATACCCGAACCGTCCCGATACACCGTAATCCTAAAACCCGTCATTCCCGCGCTGC                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1030   | 1040 | 1050 | 1060 | 1070 | 1080 |
| WT_5_Final  | 1920   | 1930 | 1940 | 1950 | 1960 | 1970 |
|             | AATGGGACATCGGCGGCAGCGGGGCGGTTTTCCCTTCGCTCGCACTGTTTCTGCTCTGTT                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | AATGGGACATCGGCGGCAGCGGGGCGGTTTTCCCTTCGCTCGCACTGTTTCTGCTCTGTT                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1090   | 1100 | 1110 | 1120 | 1130 | 1140 |
| WT_5_Final  | 1980   | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 |
|             | TCATCATAGGTATGCACAACACGGGGATGACGCTTCTGCCGGGCGGTGCAATCCGTTTCTGA                   |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | TCATCATAGGTATGCACAACACGGGGATGACGCTTCTGCCGGGCGGTGCAATCCGTTTCTGA                   |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1150   | 1160 | 1170 | 1180 | 1190 | 1200 |
| WT_5_Final  | 2040   | 2050 | 2060 | 2070 | 2080 | 2090 |
|             | CGCACATGGCCCGGCACGGCAGCCGACTTGGGCATCGAAATCCCGCGCGTGCCGTACTAT                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | CGCACATGGCCCGGCACGGCAGCCGACTTGGGCATCGAAATCCCGCGCGTGCCGTACTAT                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1210   | 1220 | 1230 | 1240 | 1250 | 1260 |
| WT_5_Final  | 2100   | 2110 | 2120 | 2130 | 2140 | 2150 |
|             | AGTGGATTAACAAAAACAGTACGGCGTTGGCCCGCCTTAGCTCAAAGAGAACGATTCTC                      |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | AGTGGATTAACAAAAACAGTACGGCGTTGGCCCGCCTTAGCTCAAAGAGAACGATTCTC                      |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1270   | 1280 | 1290 | 1300 | 1310 | 1320 |
| WT_5_Final  | 2160   | 2170 | 2180 | 2190 | 2200 | 2210 |
|             | TAAGGTGCTGAAGCACCAAGTGAATCGGTTCCGTAATCTGTACTGTCTGCGGTTTCGCC                      |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_5_Final | TAAGGTGCTGAAGCACCAAGTGAATCGGTTCCGTAATCTGTACTGTCTGCGGTTTCGCC                      |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1330   | 1340 | 1350 | 1360 | 1370 | 1380 |
|             | 2220   | 2230 | 2240 |      |      |      |

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| WT_5_Final  | GCCTGTCCTGATTTGTTCCCATCCTTTNNNNN-T                             |
| Del_5_Final | GCCTGTCC-GATTTGTATCCGTTGTGGGGGGGV                              |
|             | 1390 1400 1410   |
|             | 10 20 30 40 50 60  |
| WT_6_Final  | NNNNTNNNNNNNATCGGGNNNCGGTTTCTTCAGTTCTACGTTCTAGATTCCCGCCTGCGC   |
| Del_6_Final | -----  |
|             | 70 80 90 100 110 120   |
| WT_6_Final  | GGGAATGACGGGTTTCGAGATTGCGGTGTTGTCGGACGGGTTTCGAGATTACGGTGTTGT   |
| Del_6_Final | -----TTTCGAGATTGCGGTGTTGTCGGACGGGTTTCGAGATTACGGTGTTGT          |
|             | 10 20 30 40  |
|             | 130 140 150 160 170 180  |
| WT_6_Final  | CGGGAATGACGGTTCGGGTATTTTACTGCGCCCGCCCCGCGCCTGTAAACGGCAGGTGCA   |
| Del_6_Final | CGGGAATGACGGTTCGGGTATTTTACTGCGCCCGCCCCGCGCCCGTAAACGGCAGGTGCA   |
|             | 50 60 70 80 90 100   |
|             | 190 200 210 220 230 240  |
| WT_6_Final  | TCAAAAATGCCGTCTGAAGGTTTCAGACGGCATCGGTGTCTGGGGAATCAGAAGCGGTAGCG |
| Del_6_Final | TCAAAAATGCCGTCTGAAGGTTTCAGACGGCATCGGTATCTGGGGAATCAGAAGCGGTAGCG |
|             | 110 120 130 140 150 160  |
|             | 250 260 270 280 290 300  |
| WT_6_Final  | CATGCCCAATGAGGCTTCGTGGGTTTTGAAGCGGGTGTTTTCCAAGCGTCCCCAGTTGTG   |
| Del_6_Final | CACGCCCAACGAGGCTTCGTGGGTCTCGA-----GTTTTT-----                  |
|             | 170 180 190 200  |
|             | 310 320 330 340 350 360  |
| WT_6_Final  | GTAGCGATACCCGGCGTCCAGGGTCAGCTTGGGCGTGATGTTCGAAACCGACGCCGGCGAT  |
| Del_6_Final | -----  |
|             | 370 380 390 400 410 420  |
| WT_6_Final  | GACACCGAGACCCACGCGGCGGATGCTGTTGCTTTTGTAATCGTTTTGCGTCTTTGGATC   |
| Del_6_Final | -----  |
|             | 430 440 450 460 470 480  |
| WT_6_Final  | AGTATTATAAGTTGTAACTGCTCCGTTAGGAGCATTGCTGGGGACGGTAGTAACCTCTAT   |
| Del_6_Final | -----  |
|             | 490 500 510 520 530 540  |
| WT_6_Final  | TGTTTTTTTGGTTCGAATCGATGCTGTGTCTGACGTGTCCGTAGGCGACGCGCGCCGAT    |
| Del_6_Final | -----  |

|             |  |      |      |      |      |         |
|-------------|--|------|------|------|------|---------|
|             | 550  | 560  | 570  | 580  | 590  | 600     |
| WT_6_Final  | ATAGGGTTTGAATTTATCGTTTATTTGGAAATCGTAAATAGCGGATAAGCCGAGTGAGGA |      |      |      |      |         |
| Del_6_Final |  |      |      |      |      | : : : : |
|             | -----GAGG-   |      |      |      |      |         |
|             | 610  | 620  | 630  | 640  | 650  | 660     |
| WT_6_Final  | GACGGCGTGGAACGTACCGTTTTCTGATTTTCCGTCTTCCGGTCTATCCTGATGCCATT  |      |      |      |      |         |
| Del_6_Final | -----  |      |      |      |      |         |
|             | 670  | 680  | 690  | 700  | 710  | 720     |
| WT_6_Final  | CTCTTTACGTATCCGCACATTTTCTATGTTGACGGAATATTTATTGTTGTTCCATTTTCT |      |      |      |      |         |
| Del_6_Final | -----  |      |      |      |      |         |
|             | 730  | 740  | 750  | 760  | 770  | 780     |
| WT_6_Final  | GTAACGGGCATAATCTGCCGCTATCCTCCAGCCGCCGAAGTCGTAGCCGACCGACACCCG |      |      |      |      |         |
| Del_6_Final | -----  |      |      |      |      |         |
|             | 790  | 800  | 810  | 820  | 830  | 840     |
| WT_6_Final  | GGGGTGGACGGAGCGGGTGCGGATGTTTCTGAAATAATCGCTTACCGTGCTTATTTTGTT |      |      |      |      |         |
| Del_6_Final | -----  |      |      |      |      |         |
|             | 850  | 860  | 870  | 880  | 890  | 900     |
| WT_6_Final  | CTTGTTTGGAGCGGTTGGTTCCGGATAATCGTGGGTAATGTGTTCGTAGGCGTAGGCTAA |      |      |      |      |         |
| Del_6_Final | -----  |      |      |      |      |         |
|             | 910  | 920  | 930  | 940  | 950  | 960     |
| WT_6_Final  | ATCCGCCTGCACATACGGGCCGCGCCCGCTCTTCACTTGCCGCCTGCGCTGCGGAGAG   |      |      |      |      |         |
| Del_6_Final | -----  |      |      |      |      |         |
|             | 970  | 980  | 990  | 1000 | 1010 | 1020    |
| WT_6_Final  | AAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGGTTTTTTGCGGGCTGGATTTCAT     |      |      |      |      |         |
| Del_6_Final | -----  |      |      |      |      |         |
|             | 1030   | 1040 | 1050 | 1060 | 1070 | 1080    |
| WT_6_Final  | TTTCGGCTCCTTATATCGGTTTGACCGGTTAAAAAAGATTTTCACTGATGTTGAAGGGC  |      |      |      |      |         |
| Del_6_Final | -----  |      |      |      |      |         |



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| WT_6_Final  | CGCACAGGCAAAACCCCGCCGTGCCGTATCAGCCCCCTGCGTACCAAACCTCGGGCTGCTC                                   |
| Del_6_Final | CGTACCGGCAAAACCCCGCCCTGCCGTATCAGCCCCCTGCGTACCAAACCTGGAATTGCTG                                   |
|             | 740 750 760 770 780 790   |
| WT_6_Final  | 1680 1690 1700 1710 1720 1730<br>GAAAAAACCGTTGCGTCGATGCCGCCTGGGTTTTGCGTTTCGATCGGAATTTTCCGAA     |
| Del_6_Final | GAAGGGACGGTTGCGTCGATGCCGCCTGGGTTTTGCGTTTCGATCGGAATTTTCCGAA                                      |
|             | 800 810 820 830 840 850   |
| WT_6_Final  | 1740 1750 1760 1770 1780 1790<br>ATATCCGCGCAAGCATTTATCGACCGCCTGCTGCGTCAAACCTTGAATACGCGCTATTTG   |
| Del_6_Final | ATATCCGCGCAAGCATTTATCGACCGCCTACTGCGTCAAACCTTGAATACGCGCTATTTG                                    |
|             | 860 870 880 890 900 910   |
| WT_6_Final  | 1800 1810 1820 1830 1840 1850<br>CTCGTCGGCGACGATTTCCGTTTCGGTGCGGGGCGGGAAGGCTGTTTTGAACTTTTGGCA   |
| Del_6_Final | CTCGTCGGCGATGATTTCCGTTTCGGGGCGGGGCGGGAAGGCTGTTTTGAACTTTTGGCA                                    |
|             | 920 930 940 950 960 970   |
| WT_6_Final  | 1860 1870 1880 1890 1900 1910<br>CAACAGCCCGATATGCAAACCGAGCGCACGCCTTCCGTCATCGTCGAAGACATCCGCACC   |
| Del_6_Final | CAACAGCCCGATATGCAGACCGAGCGCACGCCTTCTGTCTATTGTCGAAGACATCCGCACC                                   |
|             | 980 990 1000 1010 1020 1030   |
| WT_6_Final  | 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970<br>AGCAGCACCACCGTCCGCCAAGCCCTTTTCAGACGGCAACCTTGCCTATGCGAAGAACTT   |
| Del_6_Final | AGCAGTACCGCCGTCCGCCAAGCCCTTTTCAGACGGCAACCTTGCCTATGCGAAAAACTT                                    |
|             | 1040 1050 1060 1070 1080 1090   |
| WT_6_Final  | 1980 1990 2000 2010 2020 2030<br>TTGGGGCAGCACTACGTTTTTGGGGGGCAGGGTGGTGCACGGCAGAAAACCTCGGGCGCACC |
| Del_6_Final | TTGGGGCAGCACTACGTTTTTGGGGGGCAGGGTGGTGCACGGCAGAAAACCTCGGGCGCACC                                  |
|             | 1100 1110 1120 1130 1140 1150   |
| WT_6_Final  | 2040 2050 2060 2070 2080 2090<br>TTAAACGCCCCGACCGCCAACATCCGACTGCCCGGCCACCGTTATGCCCTCGGCGGCGTG   |
| Del_6_Final | TTAAACGCCCCGACCGCCAACATCCGACTGCCCGGCCACCGTTATGCACTCGGCGGCGTG                                    |
|             | 1160 1170 1180 1190 1200 1210   |
| WT_6_Final  | 2100 2110 2120 2130 2140 2150<br>TTTGTGTCGTCGAAGCGGACGGCGCATTCGGCACGCGGCGCGGCGTGGCGAGCTTCGGCTTC |
| Del_6_Final | TTCGTGTCGAGGCGGACGGCGCATTCGGCACGCGGCGCGGCGTGGCGAGCTTCGGCTTC                                     |
|             | 1220 1230 1240 1250 1260 1270   |
| WT_6_Final  | 2160 2170 2180 2190 2200 2210<br>AATCCCACCGTTGATGGCGGCTGTTCTCAAAGCTTGAAGTCCACCTGTTTCGACTTTCAA   |
| Del_6_Final | AATCCCACCGTTGATGGCGGCTGTCCTCAAAGCTTGAAGTCCATTTGTTTCGACTTTCAA                                    |

|             |   |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|
|             | 1280  | 1290 | 1300 | 1310 | 1320 | 1330 |
| WT_6_Final  | 2220  | 2230 | 2240 | 2250 | 2260 | 2270 |
|             | GGCGATTTGTACGGACAACGGTTGAACGTCCGCTTCCTGCACAACTGCGCGACGAGGAA                 |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | ::    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_6_Final | GGCGATTTGTACGGACAACGGTTGAACGTCCGCTTCCTGCACAACTGCGCGACGAGGAA                 |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1340  | 1350 | 1360 | 1370 | 1380 | 1390 |
| WT_6_Final  | 2280  | 2290 | 2300 | 2310 | 2320 | 2330 |
|             | AAGTTTGACGGTATGGAAGAACTGAAAAGGCGGATTGAAGCCGATATGGAAGCCGCAAAG                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | ::    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_6_Final | AAGTTTGACGGTATGGAAGAACTGAAAAGGCGGATTGAAGCCGATATGGAAGCCGCAAAG                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1400  | 1410 | 1420 | 1430 | 1440 | 1450 |
| WT_6_Final  | 2340  | 2350 | 2360 | 2370 | 2380 | 2390 |
|             | TGTTGGTAGAAAAACCTTATACAAACCATCCGATTGGGCTACAATCAGCCTTTTAACTGT                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | ::    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_6_Final | TGTTGGTAGAAAAACCTTATACAAACCATCCGATTGGGCTACAATCAGCCTTTTAACTGT                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1460  | 1470 | 1480 | 1490 | 1500 | 1510 |
| WT_6_Final  | 2400  | 2410 | 2420 | 2430 | 2440 | 2450 |
|             | TCAGACGGCATAGGGGTTTCCCGTTGTGAAATACTGTTTGAGGGGCAATGCCGTCTGAAA                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | ::    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_6_Final | TCAGACGGCATAGGGGTTTCCCGTTGTGAAATACTGTTTGAGGGGCAATGCCGTCTGAAA                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1520  | 1530 | 1540 | 1550 | 1560 | 1570 |
| WT_6_Final  | 2460  | 2470 | 2480 | 2490 | 2500 | 2510 |
|             | CCGAAATATTGTAACAATAGAGATTAAAAAATGACCGATTACAGTAAAACCGTCAACCTG                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | ::    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_6_Final | CCGAAATATTGTAACAATAGAGATTAAAAAATGACCGATTACAGTAAAACCGTCAACCTG                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1580  | 1590 | 1600 | 1610 | 1620 | 1630 |
| WT_6_Final  | 2520  | 2530 | 2540 | 2550 | 2560 | 2570 |
|             | CTCGAAAGCCCGTTTCCGATGCGCGGCAATCTTGCCAAGCGCGAGCCTGCGTGGCTGAAA                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | ::    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_6_Final | CTCGAAAGCCCGTTTCCGATGCGCGGCAATCTTGCCAAGCGCGAGCCTGCGTGGCTGAAA                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1640  | 1650 | 1660 | 1670 | 1680 | 1690 |
| WT_6_Final  | 2580  | 2590 | 2600 | 2610 | 2620 | 2630 |
|             | AGCTGGTACGAGCAAAAACGTTACCAAAAACCTGCGCGAAATCGCCAAAGGCCGTCCGAAA               |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | ::    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_6_Final | AGCTGGTACGAGCAAAAACGTTACCAAAAACCTGCGCGAAATCGCCAAAGGCCGTCCGAAA               |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1700  | 1710 | 1720 | 1730 | 1740 | 1750 |
| WT_6_Final  | 2640  | 2650 | 2660 | 2670 | 2680 | 2690 |
|             | TTCATCCTGCACGACGGCCCGCCGTATGCCAACGGCGACATCCATATCGGTCATGCCGTC                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | ::::: ::    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_6_Final | TTCATTCTGCACGACGGCCCGCCGTATGCCAACGGCGACATCCATATCGGTCATGCCGTC                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1760  | 1770 | 1780 | 1790 | 1800 | 1810 |
| WT_6_Final  | 2700  | 2710 | 2720 | 2730 | 2740 | 2750 |
|             | AACAAAATCCTTAAAGACATTATTATCCGCAGCAAAACCCAAGCCGGTTTTGACGCGCCT                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | :: ::::: :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| Del_6_Final | AATAAAATTCTTAAAGACATTATTATCCGCAGCAAAACCCAAGCCGGTTTTGACGCGCCT                |      |      |      |      |      |
|             | 1820  | 1830 | 1840 | 1850 | 1860 | 1870 |
|             | 2760  | 2770 | 2780 | 2790 | 2800 | 2810 |

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| WT_6_Final  | TATGTACCGGGTTGGGACTGCCACGGCCTGCCCATCGAAGTGATGGTGAAAAAGCTGCAC                         |
| Del_6_Final | TATGTACCGGGTTGGGACTGCCACGGCCTGCCCATCGAAGTGATGGTGAAAAACTGCAC                          |
|             | 1880            1890            1900            1910            1920            1930 |
| WT_6_Final  | 2820            2830            2840            2850            2860            2870 |
|             | GGCAAAGATATGCCTAAAGCCCGTTTCCGCGAATTGTGCCGCGAATATGCCGCCGAACAG                         |
| Del_6_Final | GGCAAAGATATGCCTAAAGCCCGTTTCCGCGAATTGTGCCGCGAATATGCCGCCGAACAG                         |
|             | 1940            1950            1960            1970            1980            1990 |
| WT_6_Final  | 2880            2890            2900            2910            2920            2930 |
|             | ATTGCCCGTCAGAAAAAGACTTTATCCGCTTGGGCGTGTTGGGCGATTGGGACAATCCT                          |
| Del_6_Final | ATTGCCCGTCAGAAAAAGACTTTATCCGCTTGGGCGTGTTGGGCGATTGGGACAATCCT                          |
|             | 2000            2010            2020            2030            2040            2050 |
| WT_6_Final  | 2940            2950            2960            2970            2980            2990 |
|             | TACTTGACTATGGATTTCAAACCGAAGCCGATACCGTGCGTATGCTCGGCGAAATCTAC                          |
| Del_6_Final | TACTTGACTATGGATTTCAAACCGAAGCCGATACCGTGCGTATGCTCGGCGAAATCTAC                          |
|             | 2060            2070            2080            2090            2100            2110 |
| WT_6_Final  | 3000            3010            3020            3030            3040            3050 |
|             | AAATCCGGCTATCTCTACCGTGGTGCGAAACCGGTTTCAGTTTTGCTTGGATTGCGGATCT                        |
| Del_6_Final | AAATCCGGCTATCTCTACCGTGGTGCGAAACCGGTTTCAGTTTTGCTTGGATTGCGGATCT                        |
|             | 2120            2130            2140            2150            2160            2170 |
| WT_6_Final  | 3060            3070            3080            3090            3100            3110 |
|             | TCGCTGGCGGAAGCGGAAGTGAATACAAAGACAAAGTATCGCCTGCGATTGACGTTGCC                          |
| Del_6_Final | TCGCTGGCGGAAGCGGAAGTGAATACAAAGACAAAGTATCGCCTGCGATTGACGTTGCC                          |
|             | 2180            2190            2200            2210            2220            2230 |
| WT_6_Final  | 3120            3130            3140            3150            3160            3170 |
|             | TATCCGTTTAAAGACACTGCCGCGCTTGCCGCCGATTTCGGCTTGGCAGGTATCGAAGGC                         |
| Del_6_Final | TATCCGTTTAAAGACACTGCCGCGCTTGCCGCCGATTTCGGCTTGGCAGGTATCGAAGGC                         |
|             | 2240            2250            2260            2270            2280            2290 |
| WT_6_Final  | 3180            3190            3200            3210            3220            3230 |
|             | AAAGCGTTTGCCGTCATTTGGACGACCACGCCTTGGACTCTGCCTGCGAGCCAGGCCGTG                         |
| Del_6_Final | AAAGCGTTTGCCGTCATTTGGACGACCACGCCTTGGACTCTGCCTGCGAGCCAGGCCGTG                         |
|             | 2300            2310            2320            2330            2340            2350 |
| WT_6_Final  | 3240            3250            3260            3270            3280            3290 |
|             | TCTGCCGGCGCGGACGTGGTGTATCAATTAATCGATACGCCCAAAGGCAAATTGGTGCTG                         |
| Del_6_Final | TCTGCCGGCGCGGACGTGGTGTATCAATTAATCGATACGCCCAAAGGCAAATTGGTGCTG                         |
|             | 2360            2370            2380            2390            2400            2410 |
| WT_6_Final  | 3300            3310            3320            3330            3340            3350 |
|             | GCGAAAGATTTGGCGGAAGGCGCTTTGAAACGCTACGGCTTTTCAGACGGCATCGCCATC                         |
| Del_6_Final | GCGAAAGATTTGGCGGAAGGCGCTTTGAAACGCTACGGCTTTTCAGACGGCATCGCCATC                         |





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|--------------|---|-----|-----|-----|---------|
|              | 50  | 60  | 70  | 80  | 90      |
| WT_7_Final   | AA-CGCTGTGCGGAGAATGTGCGGCGGAGAAGGCGAAACGCGCCATTACGCCTGATAAAGT                 |     |     |     |         |
|              | :: :: |     |     |     |         |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | AAACGCTGTGCGGAGAATGTGCGGCGGAGAAGGCGAAACGCGCCATTACGCCTGATAAAGT                 |     |     |     |         |
|              | 70  | 80  | 90  | 100 | 110 120 |
|              | 100   | 110 | 120 | 130 | 140 150 |
| WT_7_Final   | TTGAGCAAATGCCGTCTGAAACCGCCAAACAGTATTTTCAGACGGCATTTTTTTGTGCCGCG                |     |     |     |         |
|              | ::      |     |     |     |         |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | TTGAGCAAATGCCGTCTGAAACCGCCAAACAGTATTTTCAGACGGCATTTTTTTGTGCCGCG                |     |     |     |         |
|              | 130   | 140 | 150 | 160 | 170 180 |
|              | 160   | 170 | 180 | 190 | 200 210 |
| WT_7_Final   | ATTTGTCTTCATAATGGCGGAGGGGTTTCGAGATTGCGGTGTTGTGCGGAATGACGGTTC                  |     |     |     |         |
|              | ::      |     |     |     |         |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | ATTTGTCTTCATAATGGCGGAGGGGTTTCGAGATTGCGGTGTTGTGCGGAATGACGGTTC                  |     |     |     |         |
|              | 190   | 200 | 210 | 220 | 230 240 |
|              | 220   | 230 | 240 | 250 | 260 270 |
| WT_7_Final   | AGTTGCTACGGTTACTGTGTCAGGTTTCGGTTATGTTGGAATTTTCGGGAACTTATGAATTG                |     |     |     |         |
|              | ::      |     |     |     |         |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | AGTTGCTACGGTTACTGTGTCAGGTTTCGGTTATGTTGGAATTTTCGGGAACTTATGAATTG                |     |     |     |         |
|              | 250   | 260 | 270 | 280 | 290 300 |
|              | 280   | 290 | 300 | 310 | 320 330 |
| WT_7_Final   | TCATTCCCGCGAAAGTGGGAATCCAGGACTCAAAATCTCAAGAAACCGTTTTGCCCGATA                  |     |     |     |         |
|              | ::      |     |     |     |         |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | TCATTCCCGCGAAAGTGGGAATCCAGGACTCAAAATCTCAAGAAACCGTTTTGCCCGATA                  |     |     |     |         |
|              | 310   | 320 | 330 | 340 | 350 360 |
|              | 340   | 350 | 360 | 370 | 380 390 |
| WT_7_Final   | AGTTCCTGCACTGACAGATCTAGATTTCCGCCTGCGCGGAATGACGGGTTTCGAGATTG                   |     |     |     |         |
|              | ::      |     |     |     |         |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | AGTTCCTGCACTGACAGATCTAGATTTCCGCCTGCGCGGAATGACGGGTTTCGAGATTG                   |     |     |     |         |
|              | 370   | 380 | 390 | 400 | 410 420 |
|              | 400   | 410 | 420 | 430 | 440 450 |
| WT_7_Final   | CGGTGTTGTGCGGAATGACGGTTCGGGTATTTTACTGCGCCCGCCCGCGCCTGTAAACG                   |     |     |     |         |
|              | ::      |     |     |     |         |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | CGGTGTTGTGCGGAATGACGGTTCGGGTATTTTACTGCGCCCGCCCGCGCCTGTAAACG                   |     |     |     |         |
|              | 430   | 440 | 450 | 460 | 470 480 |
|              | 460   | 470 | 480 | 490 | 500 510 |
| WT_7_Final   | GCGGGCGATTAAAAATGCCGTCTGAAGGTTTCAGACGGCATCGGTATCGGGGAATCAGAAG                 |     |     |     |         |
|              | ::      |     |     |     |         |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | GCGGGCGATTAAAAATGCCGTCTGAAGGTTTCAGACGGCATCGGTATCGGGGAATCAGAAG                 |     |     |     |         |
|              | 490   | 500 | 510 | 520 | 530 540 |
|              | 520   | 530 | 540 | 550 | 560 570 |
| WT_7_Final   | CGGTAGCGCACGCCCAATGAGGCTTCGTGGGTTTTGAAGCGGGTGTTTTCCAGGCGTCCC                  |     |     |     |         |
|              | ::              |     |     |     |         |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | CGGTAGCGCACGCCCAATGAGGCTTCGTGGGT-----   |     |     |     |         |
|              | 550   | 560 | 570 |     |         |
|              | 580   | 590 | 600 | 610 | 620 630 |
| WT_7_Final   | CAATAGTGGTAGCGGTACCCGGCGTCCAAGGTCAGGTTGGGCGTGATGTCGATGCCTACG                  |     |     |     |         |

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MS11_DEL_7_F -----

          640          650          660          670          680          690
WT_7_Final    CCTGCCACTGCGCCGAGGCCACGCGGCGGATGCTGTCGCTTTCGCGATGGGCGTCTTGC
MS11_DEL_7_F -----

          700          710          720          730          740          750
WT_7_Final    GTATTTTTCCAGGATAAACCGTAGGGGTTGTGCCAGGACCATGGAGGATGGTAGTAACC
MS11_DEL_7_F -----

          760          770          780          790          800          810
WT_7_Final    TCTGTTGTTTTTTTTGGTCAATCGATGCTGTGTCTGACGTGTCCGTAGGCGACGCGCGCG
MS11_DEL_7_F -----

          820          830          840          850          860          870
WT_7_Final    CCGATATAGGGTTTGAATTTATCGTTGAGTTTGAAGTCGTAAACGGCGGACAAGCCGAGA
MS11_DEL_7_F -----

          880          890          900          910          920          930
WT_7_Final    GAAGAAACGGCGTGGAACGTACCGTTTTTCCTGATTTTCCGTCTTCCGGTCTGTCCTGTTG
MS11_DEL_7_F -----

          940          950          960          970          980          990
WT_7_Final    CCATTGACCTTGTTTCTTAGCAACTCTTTTATGCTCACGGAATATTTATTGTTGTTCCAC
MS11_DEL_7_F -----

        1000        1010        1020        1030        1040        1050
WT_7_Final    TTTCTGTACGGGCATAATCTGCCGCTATCCTCCAGCCGCCGAAATCGTAGCCGACCGAC
MS11_DEL_7_F    :: ::
                  CTGCAG-----

        1060        1070        1080        1090        1100        1110
WT_7_Final    ACCCGGGGGTGGATGGAATGCGTACGGATGTTTCTGAAATAATCGCTTACCGTGCTTATT
MS11_DEL_7_F -----

        1120        1130        1140        1150        1160        1170
WT_7_Final    TTGCCTTTGCTTGGATCGGTTTGTTCGGATAATCGTGGGTAATGTGTTTCGTAGGCGTAG
MS11_DEL_7_F -----

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|              | 1180   | 1190 | 1200 | 1210 | 1220 | 1230 |
| WT_7_Final   | GCTAAATCCGCCTGCACATACGGGCCGCGCCCATGGTCTTCACCCGCCGCCTGCGCTGCG   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1240   | 1250 | 1260 | 1270 | 1280 | 1290 |
| WT_7_Final   | GAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGGTTTTTTGGGGGCTGG        |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1300   | 1310 | 1320 | 1330 | 1340 | 1350 |
| WT_7_Final   | ATTCATTTTCGGCTCCTTATTCGGTTTGACCGGTTAAAAAAGATTTTCACTGATGTTGA    |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1360   | 1370 | 1380 | 1390 | 1400 | 1410 |
| WT_7_Final   | AGGGCGGATTATATCGGGTTCCGGGCGGTGTTTCAACACAATATGGCGGATGAACAAAAA   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | -----GGGTTCCGGGCGGTGTTTCAACACAATATGGCGGATGAACAAAAA             |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  | 580  | 590  | 600  | 610  | 620  |
|              | 1420   | 1430 | 1440 | 1450 | 1460 | 1470 |
| WT_7_Final   | CCGGTACGTCGTTGCCCCGCCCCGGCCCAAAGGGAACGGTTCCCCAAGGTGATGAAGCAC   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | CCGGTACGTCGTTGCCCCGCCCCGGCCCAAAGGGAACGGTTCCCCAAGGTGATGAAGCAC   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 630  | 640  | 650  | 660  | 670  | 680  |
|              | 1480   | 1490 | 1500 | 1510 | 1520 | 1530 |
| WT_7_Final   | CGGGCGGATCGGTTCCGTACCATTGTACTGCCTGCGGCCCGCCGCCTTGTCTGATTTT     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | CGGGCGGATCGGTTCCGTACCATTGTACTGCCTGCGGCCCGCCGCCTTGTCTGATTTT     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 690  | 700  | 710  | 720  | 730  | 740  |
|              | 1540   | 1550 | 1560 | 1570 | 1580 | 1590 |
| WT_7_Final   | TGTTAATCCGCTATAAAGACCGTCGGGCATCTTTCCGCCGTCATTCCCACGCAGGCGGGA   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | TGTTAATCCGCTATAAAGACCGTCGGGCATCTTTCCGCCGTCATTCCCACGCAGGCGGGA   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 750  | 760  | 770  | 780  | 790  | 800  |
|              | 1600   | 1610 | 1620 | 1630 | 1640 | 1650 |
| WT_7_Final   | ATCTGGAATTTCAATGCCTCAAGAATTTATCGGAAAAACCAAACCCTTCCGCCGTCAT     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | ATCTGGAATTTCAATGCCTCAAGAATTTATCGGAAAAACCAAACCCTTCCGCCGTCAT     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 810  | 820  | 830  | 840  | 850  | 860  |
|              | 1660   | 1670 | 1680 | 1690 | 1700 | 1710 |
| WT_7_Final   | TCCCACCTTTCGTGGGAATGACGGGATGTAGGTTTCGTAGGAATGACGTGGTGCAGGTTTCC |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_7_F | TCCCACCTTTCGTGGGAATGACGGGATGTAGGTTTCGTAGGAATGACGTGGTGCAGGTTTCC |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 870  | 880  | 890  | 900  | 910  | 920  |
|              | 1720   | 1730 | 1740 | 1750 | 1760 | 1770 |
| WT_7_Final   | GTGCGGATGGATTTCGTCAATCCCGCGCAGGCGGGAATCCGGTCCGTTTCGGTTTCAGTTAT |      |      |      |      |      |
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MS11_DEL_7_F  GTGCGGATGGATTTCGTCATTCCCGCGCAGGCGGGAATCCGGTCCGTTCCGTTTTCAGTTAT
                930      940      950      960      970      980

                1780      1790      1800      1810      1820      1830
WT_7_Final     TTCCGATAAATTCCTGCTGCTTTTTATTTCTAGATTCCCACTTCCGTGGGAAT-ACGGCG
                : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
MS11_DEL_7_F   TTCCGATAAATTCCTGCTGCTTTTTATTTCTAGATTCCCTCTTCCGTGGGAATGACGGCG
                990      1000      1010      1020      1030      1040

                1840      1850      1860
WT_7_Final     -AGGGAAATCTCATGTTTTNNNT
                : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
MS11_DEL_7_F   GAGGGGA---TAAGNTCTGCNNT
                1050      1060


                10      20      30      40      50
WT_8_final     ABTTTCTTGACTACGGGTTTTTACAA-ATCGGTGGCGTTTGGTTTGC GCCTCCGGCAGCGG
                : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
MS11_DEL_8_F   NNNNNNNNGGNNC---TTCGANAATATCGGTTGCGTTTGGTTTGNNCCTCCGGCAGCGG
                10      20      30      40      50

                60      70      80      90      100      110
WT_8_final     GCGGTTGCGGCGGGTTTTGCACATAATGCCGTCCAGCAGCCGATGCTCTTTCATTTTTCC
                : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
MS11_DEL_8_F   GGGGTTGCGGCGGGCTTTGCGCATAATGCCGTCCAGCAGCCGATGCTCTTTCAGTTTTCC
                60      70      80      90      100      110

                120      130      140      150      160      170
WT_8_final     GTAGGTCGGATTCTCGAATCCAACCTTTACTTCAATCGTATTCAATAAAAAAGTCCGCTTT
                : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
MS11_DEL_8_F   GTAGGTCGGATTCTCGAATCCAACCTTTACTTCAATCGTATTCAATAAAAAAGTCCGCATT
                120      130      140      150      160      170

                180      190      200      210      220      230
WT_8_final     GCCCCACCCCAATTATGCGGATAAATACCCGGTTTGACATAGGGGTGAAACGTAAAAAA
                : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
MS11_DEL_8_F   GCCCCCCCCCAATTATGCGGATAAATACCCGGTTTGACATAACGGTGAAACGTAAAAAA
                180      190      200      210      220      230

                240      250      260      270      280      290
WT_8_final     CCGCCAATCGGAAATTTGTCCTACATAGCCTTGTTTGACCGGATTGAAATGCAAATAATC
                : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
MS11_DEL_8_F   CCGCCAATCGGAAATTTGCCCTACATAGCCTTGTTTGACCGGATTGAAATGCAAATAATC
                240      250      260      270      280      290

                300      310      320      330      340      350
WT_8_final     AAAATGGCAGGCAAAATCGGCCTCACC GCGAATAGTATGTTCCCAAAGCGTTTTTCCAA
                : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
MS11_DEL_8_F   AAAATGGCAGGCAAAATCGGCCTCCCCGCGAATAGTATGTTCCCAAAGCGTTTTTCCAA
                300      310      320      330      340      350

                360      370      380      390      400      410
WT_8_final     AGCCTGAAATTGCCGCAATTAAATATTGGCTGGGCGCTTGATTTGCCGCCCCGCGTTCC
                : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
MS11_DEL_8_F   AGCCTGAAATTGCCGCAATTAAATATTGGGCTGTGCCGCTTGATTTGCCCCAGCGTTCC
                360      370      380      390      400      410

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|              | 1530  | 1540 | 1550 | 1560 | 1570 | 1580 |
| WT_8_final   | TCTGCCGCTATCCTCCAGCCGCCGAAGTNGTAGCCGACCGACACCCTGGGGTGGATGGAA                    |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_8_F | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1590  | 1600 | 1610 | 1620 | 1630 | 1640 |
| WT_8_final   | TGCGTACGGATGTTTCTGAAATAATCGCTTACCGTGCTTATTTTGTCTTTTTTGTACCG                     |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_8_F | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1650  | 1660 | 1670 | 1680 | 1690 | 1700 |
| WT_8_final   | GTTGGTTCCGGATAATCGTGGGTAATGTGTTTCGTAGGCGTAGGCTAAATCCGCCTGCACA                   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_8_F | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1710  | 1720 | 1730 | 1740 | 1750 | 1760 |
| WT_8_final   | TACGGGCCCGCGGCCATTGCCTTCACCCGCCGCCTGCGCTGCGGAAGGGAAGAGAAGGGAA                   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_8_F | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1770  | 1780 | 1790 | 1800 | 1810 | 1820 |
| WT_8_final   | GAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAA                         |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :::   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_8_F | -----GAG-----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1830  | 1840 | 1850 | 1860 | 1870 | 1880 |
| WT_8_final   | GAGAAGGTTTTTTGCGGGCTGGATTCATTTTTCGGCTCCTTATTCGGTTTAACCGGTTAAA                   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_8_F | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1890  | 1900 | 1910 | 1920 | 1930 | 1940 |
| WT_8_final   | AAAAGATTTTCACTGATGTTGAAGGGCGGATTATATCGGGTTCCGGGCGGTGTTTCAACA                    |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_8_F | -----GGGTTCCGGGCGGTGTTTCAACA  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |   | 1090 | 1100 | 1110 |      |      |
|              | 1950  | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 |
| WT_8_final   | CAATATGGCGGATGAACAAAAACCGGTACGTCGTTGCCCCGCCCCGGCTCAAAGGGAACG                    |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::: : :::::::::::::::::: : ::::::::::::::::::      |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_8_F | CAATATGGCGGATGAACAAAAACCGGTACGG-GTTGCCCCGCCCCGGCTCAAAGGGAACG                    |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1120  | 1130 | 1140 | 1150 | 1160 |      |
|              | 2010  | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 | 2060 |
| WT_8_final   | GTTCCCTAAGGCGCCCAAGCACCGGGCGGATCGGTTCCGTACCATTTGTACTGCCTGCGG                    |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :::::::::::::::: : :::::::::::::::::: : :::::::::::::::::: : :::::::::::::::::: |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_8_F | GTTCCCTAAGGCGTCCAAGCACCGGGCGAACCAGTTCCGTACCATCCGTACTGCCTGCGG                    |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1170  | 1180 | 1190 | 1200 | 1210 | 1220 |
|              | 2070  | 2080 | 2090 | 2100 | 2110 | 2120 |
| WT_8_final   | CCCGCCGCCTTGTCCTGATTTTTGTTAATCCGCTATAACAACGCTTCGTCCGAAAAAAC                     |      |      |      |      |      |





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|              | 310  | 320 | 330 | 340 | 350 | 360 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | 320  | 330 | 340 | 350 | 360 | 370 |
|              | GATTCCTGTCTGTGTGGAATGACGAATCCGTCCGCACGGAAACCTGCACCGCGTCATTC                      |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | GATTCCTGTCTGTGTGGAATGACGAATCCGTCCGCACGGAAACCTGCACCGCGTCATTC                      |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 370  | 380 | 390 | 400 | 410 | 420 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | 380  | 390 | 400 | 410 | 420 | 430 |
|              | CCCCGAAAGTGGGAATCTAGAACTTAACGCTACGGCAATTTTTGGAAATGACTGAAACC                      |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | : ::     |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | CTCCGAAAGTGGGAATCTAGAACTTAACGCTACGGCAATTTTTGGAAATGACTGAAACC                      |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 430  | 440 | 450 | 460 | 470 | 480 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | 440  | 450 | 460 | 470 | 480 | 490 |
|              | GAACGGACTGGATTCCCGCCTGCGCGGAATGGCGGGTTTTAGGATTACGGTGTATCGGG                      |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | GAACGGACTGGATTCCCGCCTGCGCGGAATGGCGGGTTTTAGGATTACGGTGTATCGGG                      |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 490  | 500 | 510 | 520 | 530 | 540 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | 500  | 510 | 520 | 530 | 540 | 550 |
|              | ACGGTTCGGGTATTCTTGACAGGATGGGTTCTCAAGATGTTGCGTAGTGTCTGGGCTCGCA                    |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | ACGGTTCGGGTATTCTTGACAGGATGGGTTCTCAAGATGTTGCGTAGTGTCTGGGCTCGCA                    |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 550  | 560 | 570 | 580 | 590 | 600 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | 560  | 570 | 580 | 590 | 600 | 610 |
|              | AGGGGGTGCATAGAGAGGGTTGCAGGGCGGGCTTCAGCCCGCCGCATCAAGGTTTTTGGG                     |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | AGGGGGTGCATAGAGAGGGTTGCAGGGCGGGCTTCAGCCCGACGCATCAAGGTTTTTGGG                     |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 610  | 620 | 630 | 640 | 650 | 660 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | 620  | 630 | 640 | 650 | 660 | 670 |
|              | GAATAGGCGTGATTTCGGCGGAATTGATGGATTTGACGGAATCGGCGGCAATGGCGGGATC                    |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | GAATAGGCGTGATTTCGGCGGAATTGATGGATTTGACGGAATCGGCGGCAATGGCGGGATC                    |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 670  | 680 | 690 | 700 | 710 | 720 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | 680  | 690 | 700 | 710 | 720 | 730 |
|              | GGTAATATTGAAGGGATTGGTGGAGGCCGGCGGCAACGGCGGGGGCGGAAAAGACGCGCC                     |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | GGTAATATTGAAGGGATTGGTGGAGGCCGGCGGCAACGGCGGGGGCGGAAAAGACGCGCC                     |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 730  | 740 | 750 | 760 | 770 | 780 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | 740  | 750 | 760 | 770 | 780 | 790 |
|              | AGCCGCCGAAATCGTAGCCGAGGGCGAGTCGGGGGTGGACGGAGCGGGTGC GGATGTTTT                    |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | AGCCGCCGAAATCGTAGCCGAGGGCGAGTCGGGGGTGGACGGAGCGGGTGC GGATGTTTT                    |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 790  | 800 | 810 | 820 | 830 | 840 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | 800  | 810 | 820 | 830 | 840 | 850 |
|              | TGAAATAATCGCTTACCGTGCTTATTTTGCCTTGGTTTGCACCGGTTGCTTCGGGATAAT                     |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | TGAAATAATCGCTTACCGTGCTTATTTTGCCTTGGTTTGCACCGGTTGCTTCGGGATAAT                     |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | 850  | 860 | 870 | 880 | 890 | 900 |
|              | 860  | 870 | 880 | 890 | 900 | 910 |

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| WT_9_FINAL_1 | CGCGGGTGATGTGCTCGTAGGCGTAAGCCAGATCCGCCTGCACATACGGGCGCGCCCAT              |  |  |  |  |
|              | :: |  |  |  |  |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | CGCGGGTGATGTGCTCGTAGGCGTAAGCCAGATCCGCCTGCACATACGGGCGCGCCCAT              |  |  |  |  |
|              | 910 920 930 940 950 960  |  |  |  |  |
|              | 920 930 940 950 960 970  |  |  |  |  |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | GGTCTTCACCCGCCGCCTGCCAAGCATCAGGGCGAGCAGGAGGGGTTTGTATTGCATGGT             |  |  |  |  |
|              | :: |  |  |  |  |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | GGTCTTCACCCGCCGCCTGCCAAGCATCAGGGCGAGCAGGAGGGGTTTGTATTGCATGGT             |  |  |  |  |
|              | 970 980 990 1000 1010 1020   |  |  |  |  |
|              | 980 990 1000 1010 1020 1030  |  |  |  |  |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | TCGGCTTTTCGGA AAAAATCGGATAATGCTGAAGGCCGCGCGAAAGCGGCCGGATGTTTCGG          |  |  |  |  |
|              | :: |  |  |  |  |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | TCGGCTTTTCGGA AAAAATCGGATAATGCTGAAGGCCGCGCGAAAGCGGCCGGATGTTTCGG          |  |  |  |  |
|              | 1030 1040 1050 1060 1070 1080  |  |  |  |  |
|              | 1040 1050 1060 1070 1080 1090  |  |  |  |  |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | ATTATACTGTCAGTTATGCCGTCTGAAAATGCCGTTTGCCCGATCTTGCGCCTTAAAAAT             |  |  |  |  |
|              | :: |  |  |  |  |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | ATTATACTGTCAGTTATGCCGTCTGAAAATGCCGTTTGCCCGATCTTGCGCCTTAAAAAT             |  |  |  |  |
|              | 1090 1100 1110 1120 1130 1140  |  |  |  |  |
|              | 1100 1110 1120 1130 1140 1150  |  |  |  |  |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | GCCGTCTGAAGGTTTCAGACGGCATCGGTATCGGGGAATCAGAAGCGGTAGCGCACGCCCA            |  |  |  |  |
|              | :: |  |  |  |  |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | GCCGTCTGAAGGTTTCAGACGGCATCGGTATCGGGGAATCAGAAGCGGTAGCGCACGCCCA            |  |  |  |  |
|              | 1150 1160 1170 1180 1190 1200  |  |  |  |  |
|              | 1160 1170 1180 1190 1200 1210  |  |  |  |  |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | ATGAGGCTTCGTGGGTTTTGAAGCGGGTGTTTTCCAGGCGTCCCCAATAGTGGTAGCGGT             |  |  |  |  |
|              | ::::::::::   |  |  |  |  |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | ATGAGGCTTCGTGGGT-----  |  |  |  |  |
|              | 1210   |  |  |  |  |
|              | 1220 1230 1240 1250 1260 1270  |  |  |  |  |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | ACCCGGCGTCCAAGGTCAGGCCGGGCGCGACGTCTATGCCACGCCCCGCCATCGCGCCGA             |  |  |  |  |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | -----  |  |  |  |  |
|              | 1280 1290 1300 1310 1320 1330  |  |  |  |  |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | AGCCCAAGCGGCGGCTGCTGCGGTTTTGGCGATAAGTGTTTTTTGGTTTTTTCCCGAAT              |  |  |  |  |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | -----  |  |  |  |  |
|              | 1340 1350 1360 1370 1380 1390  |  |  |  |  |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | CTATATCATCATAATACGTAGGTTTTGTGCCAGCACTATGGTAGGCGGTAAGAGTATTTT             |  |  |  |  |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | -----  |  |  |  |  |
|              | 1400 1410 1420 1430 1440 1450  |  |  |  |  |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | TCGTTTTTTTTAGTCGAATCGATAACCGTGTCTGACGTGTCCGTAGCCGACACGCACACCGA           |  |  |  |  |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | -----  |  |  |  |  |

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|--------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|              | 1460   | 1470 | 1480 | 1490 | 1500 | 1510 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | TATAGGGTTTGAATTTATCGTTGACTCTGAAATCGTAAACGGTTGACAAGCCGAGAGAAG |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1520   | 1530 | 1540 | 1550 | 1560 | 1570 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | AAACGGCGTGGAATGTGCCGTTTTCTGATGTTCCGTCTTTTGGTATTTTATGTTAAGCT  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1580   | 1590 | 1600 | 1610 | 1620 | 1630 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | GGTTGCCGCCAAAAGTTTTATTATTCTTTCTTTCCAACCTCTTTTATGTTACGGAATATT |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1640   | 1650 | 1660 | 1670 | 1680 | 1690 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | TATTGTTGTGCCATTTCTGTAAACGGGCATAATCCGCGGCGATGCGCCAGCCGCCGAAGT |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1700   | 1710 | 1720 | 1730 | 1740 | 1750 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | CGTAGCCGACCGACACCCTGGGGTGGATGGAATGCGTACGGATGTTTCTGAAATAATCGC |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1760   | 1770 | 1780 | 1790 | 1800 | 1810 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | TTACCGTGCTTATTTTGCCTTTGTTTGCACCGGCTGCATCGGGATAATCGCGGGTAATGT |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1820   | 1830 | 1840 | 1850 | 1860 | 1870 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | GCTCGTAGGCGTAAGCCAGATCCGCCTGCACATACGGGCCGCGCCCATGGTCTTCACCCG |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1880   | 1890 | 1900 | 1910 | 1920 | 1930 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | CCGCCCCGCGCTGCGGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAG     |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1940   | 1950 | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | AAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGTTTTTGTGCGACCGTATGCATATCAACTCCGAATATTTAAGA |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 2000   | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 |

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WT_9_FINAL_1  TTAAATTATTAAAAGATTGTTAATAAACGCCAAGCATTTTATCAGATTTGTTTTGCCGGG
MS11_DEL_9_F  -----CAGATTTGTTTTGCCGGG
                                     1220      1230

      2060      2070      2080      2090      2100      2110
WT_9_FINAL_1  ATATGATTTTTTTTGTAAAGAATGTATTTATTTTTTAAAATTCCGGTGCGGCGATCGGA
MS11_DEL_9_F  ATATGATTTTTTTTGTAAAGAATGTATTTATTTTTTAAAATTCCGGTGCGGCGATCGGA
               1240      1250      1260      1270      1280      1290

      2120      2130      2140      2150      2160      2170
WT_9_FINAL_1  TATGGCGGATTAACAAAAATCAGGACAAGGCGGCGAAGCCGCAGACAGTACAAATAGTAC
MS11_DEL_9_F  TATGGCGGATTAACAAAAATCAGGACAAGGCGGCGAAGCCGCAGACAGTACAAATAGTAC
               1300      1310      1320      1330      1340      1350

      2180      2190      2200      2210      2220      2230
WT_9_FINAL_1  GGAACCGATTCACTTGGTGCTTCAGCACCTTAGAGAATCGTTCTCTTTGAGCTAAGGCGA
MS11_DEL_9_F  GGAACCGATCCACTTGGTGCTTCAGCACCTTAGAGAATCGTTCTCTTTGAGCTAAGGCGA
               1360      1370      1380      1390      1400      1410

      2240      2250      2260      2270      2280      2290
WT_9_FINAL_1  GGCAACGCCGTACTGGTTTAAAGTTAATCCACTATAGTGGATTAAAATAGGAAATATCCA
MS11_DEL_9_F  GGCAACGCCGTACTGGTTTAAAGTTAATCCACTATAGTGGATTAAAATAGGAAATATCCA
               1420      1430      1440      1450      1460      1470

      2300      2310      2320      2330      2340      2350
WT_9_FINAL_1  ATGCCAAAGCAATTTGTTCGGAATGGCCGGAACACTCAAAAACCGGATTCCCCTCCTTCGT
MS11_DEL_9_F  ATGCCAAAGCAATTTGTTCGGAATGGCCGGAACACTCAAAAACCGGATTCCCCTCCTTCGT
               1480      1490      1500      1510      1520      1530

      2360      2370      2380      2390      2400      2410
WT_9_FINAL_1  CATTCCTCGCGAAAGTGGGAATCTAGGAATGAAAAGCAGCAGGAATTTATCGGAAATAACC
MS11_DEL_9_F  CATTCCTCGCGAAAGTGGGAATCTAGGAATGAAAAGCAGCAGGAATTTATCGGAAATAACC
               1540      1550      1560      1570      1580      1590

      2420      2430      2440      2450      2460      2470
WT_9_FINAL_1  GAAACCGAACGGTCCGGATTCCCGCCTTCGCGGGAATGGCGGCGCATAAGTTTCCGCGCG
MS11_DEL_9_F  GAAACCGAACGGTCCGGATTCCCGCCTTCGCGGGAATGGCGGCGCATAAGTTTCCGCGCG
               1600      1610      1620      1630      1640      1650

      2480      2490      2500      2510      2520      2530
WT_9_FINAL_1  GACAAATCCGGATTTCTGTCTGCGCGGGAATGACGGGTTTCAGGATTACGGTGTATCGGG
MS11_DEL_9_F  GACAAATCCGGATTTCTGTCTGCGCGGGAATGACGGGTTTCAGGATTACGGTGTATCGGG
               1660      1670      1680      1690      1700      1710

      2540      2550      2560      2570      2580      2590
WT_9_FINAL_1  AATGATGACACGGGTATTCTGACGATTTCGGGTATTTCTGACAGGATGGATTCTCATCTA
MS11_DEL_9_F  AATGATGACACGGGTATTCTGACGATTTCGGGTATTTCTGACAGGATGGATTCTCATCTA

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|              | 1720   | 1730 | 1740 | 1750 | 1760 | 1770 |
|--------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|              | 2600   | 2610 | 2620 | 2630 | 2640 | 2650 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | GATTCCTGCCTGCGCGGGAATGGGGGG-TTTCAGGATTACGGTAAATGGCGCAAAA-TGC   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | GATTCCTGCCTGCGTGGAATGACGGGATTTTCAGGATTACGGTAAATAGCGCAAAAATGC   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1780   | 1790 | 1800 | 1810 | 1820 | 1830 |
|              | 2660   | 2670 | 2680 | 2690 | 2700 | 2710 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | CGTCTGAAAGCCCTTCAGACGGCATTGCCTTGTTTCGTCTGCCTTAATGGCGGAAGTGGCG  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | CGTCTGAAAACCCCTTCAGACGGCATTGCCTTGTTTCGTCTGCCTTAATGGCGGAAGTGGCG |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1840   | 1850 | 1860 | 1870 | 1880 | 1890 |
|              | 2720   | 2730 | 2740 | 2750 | 2760 | 2770 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | GATGCCGGTTACCGCCATGGCGATGCCGTGTTTCGTCCGCCGCGTCGAAAACCTTCCTGATC |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | GATGCCGGTTACCGCCATGGCGATGCCGTGTTTCGTCCGCCGCGTCGAAAACCTTCCTGATC |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1900   | 1910 | 1920 | 1930 | 1940 | 1950 |
|              | 2780   | 2790 | 2800 | 2810 | 2820 | 2830 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | GCGCATCGAGCCTGCCGGATGGATGATGGCTTTGATGCCCTGTTCGGCAATCACGTCCAC   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | GCGCATCGAGCCTGCCGGATGGATGATGGCTTTGATGCCCTGTTCGGCAATCACGTCCAC   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1960   | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 |
|              | 2840   | 2850 | 2860 | 2870 | 2880 | 2890 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | GCCGTCGCGGAATGGGAAGAAGGCATCGGAAGCGGCACATGCGCCGTTGAGGTTCGAGACC  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | GCCGTCGCGGAATGGGAAGAAGGCATCGGAAGCGGCACATGCGCCGTTGAGATTCGAGACT  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 2020   | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 | 2060 | 2070 |
|              | 2900   | 2910 | 2920 | 2930 | 2940 | 2950 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | GGCATCTTGCGCTTTGCGGGCGGCGATGCGGGTGCTGTCCACGCGGCTCATTTGGCCTGC   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | GGCATCTTGCGCTTTGCGGGCGGCGATGCGGGTGCTGTCCACGCGGCTCATTTGGCCTGC   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 2080   | 2090 | 2100 | 2110 | 2120 | 2130 |
|              | 2960   | 2970 | 2980 | 2990 | 3000 | 3010 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | GCCGATACCGTAGGTTTGCCCGCCTTTGCCGAAGACGATGGCGTTGGATTTGACGTATTT   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | GCCGATACCGTAGGTTTGCCCGCCTTTGCCGAAGACGATGGCGTTGGATTTGACGTATTT   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 2140   | 2150 | 2160 | 2170 | 2180 | 2190 |
|              | 3020   | 3030 | 3040 | 3050 | 3060 | 3070 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | TGCGACGTTCCAGACAAACAGCAAATCGTTCCATTCTGCTCGGTTCGGTTGGCGTTTGGA   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | TGCGACGTTCCAGACAAACAGCAAATCGTTCCATTCTGCTCGGTTCGGTTGGCGTTTGGA   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 2200   | 2210 | 2220 | 2230 | 2240 | 2250 |
|              | 3080   | 3090 | 3100 | 3110 | 3120 | 3130 |
| WT_9_FINAL_1 | GACGACTTTCAAATCGGCGCGGTTGATGCGGTTGATGTCGGGCGTTTGTACCAACAGTCC   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_9_F | GACGACTTTCAAATCGGCGCGGTTGATGCGGTTGATGTCGGGCGTTTGTACCAACAGTCC   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 2260   | 2270 | 2280 | 2290 | 2300 | 2310 |
|              | 3140   | 3150 | 3160 | 3170 | 3180 | 3190 |



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| MS11_DEL_10_ | CCGTCAATCTTGTCCCAGCCAGTTAAACAGCTTTTCACGCACGCTGTCGGGGGTTGGGCG                 | 10  | 20  | 30  | 40  | 50  | 60  |
|              |  | 60  | 70  | 80  | 90  | 100 | 110 |
| WT_10_final  | CAGTCCGTCGGCGGATGCAAACTCAATTTCTGCCCCGGCATTGCCCGCCGATAATGCG                   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | CAGTCCGTCGGCGGATGCAAACTCAATTTCTGCCCCGGCATTGCCCGCCGATAATGCG                   | 70  | 80  | 90  | 100 | 110 | 120 |
|              |  | 120 | 130 | 140 | 150 | 160 | 170 |
| WT_10_final  | TACCCGGTTGCTGTGTTTGGTATGTTTGCCTGCCGCCATAATCAAAAGCCTGAAAGTTCA                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | TACCCGGTTGCTGTGTTTGGTATGTTTGCCTGCCGCCATAATCAAAAGCCTGAAAGTTCA                 | 130 | 140 | 150 | 160 | 170 | 180 |
|              |  | 180 | 190 | 200 | 210 | 220 | 230 |
| WT_10_final  | AACGGTATTATACAAGACCTGTGCAAGAATATGCCGCCTGAAAACCTTTTTTCAGACGGCA                |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | AACGGTATTATACAAGACCTGTGCAAGAATATGCCGCCTGAAAACCTTTTTTCAGACGGCA                | 190 | 200 | 210 | 220 | 230 | 240 |
|              |  | 240 | 250 | 260 | 270 | 280 | 290 |
| WT_10_final  | TATCTGTTTAAACGGTTTCGGTCAGCTTGCGGAGCAACTCGATTTCTTTGTCTTTTTGTT                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | TATCTGTTTAAACGGTTTCGGTCAGCTTGCGGAGCAACTCGATTTCTTTGTCTTTTTGTT                 | 250 | 260 | 270 | 280 | 290 | 300 |
|              |  | 300 | 310 | 320 | 330 | 340 | 350 |
| WT_10_final  | CCAACATTTCTTTACAGTGTTTTAATTCCATTTTTTAACAAATCCAGCTTTACCGATGCAT                |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | CCAACATTTCTTTACAGTGTTTTAATTCCATTTTTTAACAAATCCAGCTTTACCGATGCAT                | 310 | 320 | 330 | 340 | 350 | 360 |
|              |  | 360 | 370 | 380 | 390 | 400 | 410 |
| WT_10_final  | CCTGAGCGGTATAGATTGCAAATTCCTCGCTGTTGGTATCCACATCGTTAATCTGCAACA                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | CCTGAGCGGTATAGATTGCAAATTCCTCGCTGTTGGTATCCACATCGTTAATCTGCAACA                 | 370 | 380 | 390 | 400 | 410 | 420 |
|              |  | 420 | 430 | 440 | 450 | 460 | 470 |
| WT_10_final  | CCATCCCTCCGCCACCCGATTTGAGCGAATCCCGACAAATCCGGATTCCCGCCTGCGCGG                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | CCATCCCTCCGCCACCCGATTTGAGCGAATCCCGACAAATCCGGATTCCCGCCTGCGCGG                 | 430 | 440 | 450 | 460 | 470 | 480 |
|              |  | 480 | 490 | 500 | 510 | 520 | 530 |
| WT_10_final  | GAATGACGGGTTTCGAGATTGCGGTATTGTGCGGAATGACGGTTCGGGTATTTTACTGCG                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | GAATGACGGGTTTCGAGATTGCGGTATTGTGCGGAATGACGGTTCGGGTATTTTACTGCG                 | 490 | 500 | 510 | 520 | 530 | 540 |
|              |  | 540 | 550 | 560 | 570 | 580 | 590 |
| WT_10_final  | CCCGCCCCGCGCCTGTAAACGGCGGGCGCATCAAAAATGCCGTCTGAAGGTTTCAGACGGC                |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|              | :: |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | CCCGCCCCGCGCCTGTAAACGGCGGGCGCATCAAAAATGCCGTCTGAAGGTTTCAGACGGC                | 550 | 560 | 570 | 580 | 590 | 600 |



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|--------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|              | 600  | 610  | 620  | 630  | 640  | 650  |
| WT_10_final  | ATCGGTATCGGGGAATCAGAAGCGGTAGCGCACGCCCAACGAGGCTTCGTGGGTTTTGAA             |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | ATCGGTATCGGGGAATCAGAAGCGGTAGCGCACGCCCAATGAGGCTTCGTGGGT-----              |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 610  | 620  | 630  | 640  | 650  |      |
| WT_10_final  | 660  | 670  | 680  | 690  | 700  | 710  |
|              | GCGGGTGTTCCTCAAGCGTCCCCAATAGTGGTAGCGGTAGCCGGTGTCCAGGGTCAGCTT             |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
| WT_10_final  | 720  | 730  | 740  | 750  | 760  | 770  |
|              | GGGCGTGATGTGCGAAACCGACGCCGGCGATGACGCCGAGGCCACGCGGCGGATGCTGTT             |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
| WT_10_final  | 780  | 790  | 800  | 810  | 820  | 830  |
|              | ACTTTGGTGATGGGCGTTTTGCGTATTTTCCTCAGTATAAACCGTAGGGTTTAAGCCACC             |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
| WT_10_final  | 840  | 850  | 860  | 870  | 880  | 890  |
|              | ATAGGAGGAGGTAAGAACTTTGTTGTTTTTTTGGTCGAATCGATGCTGTGTCTGACGTG              |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
| WT_10_final  | 900  | 910  | 920  | 930  | 940  | 950  |
|              | TCCGTAGGCGACGCGCGCACCGATATAGGGTTTGAATTTATCGTTGAGTTTGAAATCGTA             |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
| WT_10_final  | 960  | 970  | 980  | 990  | 1000 | 1010 |
|              | AACGGCTGACAAACCGAGCGAGGAGACGGCGTGGAACGTACCGTTTTCTGATTTTCCGT              |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
| WT_10_final  | 1020   | 1030 | 1040 | 1050 | 1060 | 1070 |
|              | CTTCAGGTCTCTCTTATTCTGATTCTTGTTTTTCCAACCTCTTTATGTGCGACGGAATATTT           |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
| WT_10_final  | 1080   | 1090 | 1100 | 1110 | 1120 | 1130 |
|              | ATTGTCGTTCCATTTCTGTAAACGGGCATAATCTGCCGCTATCCTCCAACCGCCGAAGTC             |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
| WT_10_final  | 1140   | 1150 | 1160 | 1170 | 1180 | 1190 |
|              | GTAGCCGACCGACACCCTGGGGTGGACGGAATGCGTACGGATGTTTCTGAAATAATCGCT             |      |      |      |      |      |

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MS11_DEL_10_ -----

          1200      1210      1220      1230      1240      1250
WT_10_final    TACCGTGCTTATTTTTTTGTCTTTTTTGCACCGTTGGTTCCGGATAATCGTGGGTAAT
MS11_DEL_10_ -----

          1260      1270      1280      1290      1300      1310
WT_10_final    GCGTTTCGGCGGCGTAGGCTAAATCCGCCTGCACATACGGGCCGCGCCCATTGCCTTCACT
MS11_DEL_10_ -----

          1320      1330      1340      1350      1360      1370
WT_10_final    TGCCGCCCCGCGCTGCGGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAG
MS11_DEL_10_ -----

          1380      1390      1400      1410      1420      1430
WT_10_final    AGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAG
MS11_DEL_10_ -----

          1440      1450      1460      1470      1480      1490
WT_10_final    AGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGTTTTTTGTCTGGCCGTATGCATATCAACTCCAAATATCTTA
MS11_DEL_10_ -----

          1500      1510      1520      1530      1540      1550
WT_10_final    GATTAAATTATTAAAAAGATTGTTAATAAACGCCTAGCATTTTATCAGATTGTTTTGCC
MS11_DEL_10_ -----ATTTGTTTTGCC
                                     660

          1560      1570      1580      1590      1600      1610
WT_10_final    GGGATATGATTTGTTTTGTTAAAGAATGTATTTATTTTTT-AAAATCCCGGCCAACCGGG
MS11_DEL_10_    GGGATATGATTTGTTCTGTAAAGAATGTATTTATTTTTTTTAAAATCCCGGCCAACCGGG
          670      680      690      700      710      720

          1620      1630      1640      1650      1660
WT_10_final    ATAAATCCTGCTTTACCAATTGTTTTAAA-TGGAA-TTCGAACTTGTAACC-CTGTTGT
MS11_DEL_10_    ATGAATCCTGCTTTACCAATTGTTTTAAAATGGAAATTCGAACTTTACCCCACTGTTGT
          730      740      750      760      770      780

          1670      1680      1690      1700      1710      1720
WT_10_final    CAAA-CGCCGTCCGCACTCCTTCA-ATACAGCCG--AATGCTCTTTGGGAATGCCGTCAA
MS11_DEL_10_    CAAAACGCCGACCGCACTCCTTCANATACGCCCGAAATGATCTTTGGGAATGCCGTCAA
          790      800      810      820      830      840

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|              | 1730   | 1740 | 1750 | 1760 | 1770 | 1780 |
| WT_10_final  | ACTTGCGCAAATGACGTTTGCCCGATTCCAAAAGTTCCCAATTGCGTTGATATGGTTTTG             |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | ACTTGCGCAAATGACGTTTGCCCGATTCCAAAAGTTCCCAATTGCGTTGATATGGTTTTG             |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 850  | 860  | 870  | 880  | 890  | 900  |
|              | 1790   | 1800 | 1810 | 1820 | 1830 | 1840 |
| WT_10_final  | CCGTTTCGGCAAATGTGTGCCGCGATTGATACGGAACGGCCAAATCCGCTTACAATCTG              |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: ::      |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | CCGTTTCGGCAAATGTGTGCCGCGATTGATACGGAACGGCCAACTCCGCTTACAATNTG              |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 910  | 920  | 930  | 940  | 950  | 960  |
|              | 1850   | 1860 | 1870 | 1880 | 1890 | 1900 |
| WT_10_final  | ATACATCGTAACTACGAACAATCCGTATAAACAATGCTGCCGGGTTTCACCCGTCCGCGG             |      |      |      |      |      |
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| MS11_DEL_10_ | ATACATCGTAACTACGANCAATCCGTATAAACAATGCTGCCGGGTTTCACCCGTCCGCGG             |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 970  | 980  | 990  | 1000 | 1010 | 1020 |
|              | 1910   | 1920 | 1930 | 1940 | 1950 | 1960 |
| WT_10_final  | ATAATAGGCAATAAAATAGCGGTTTCGAGTGTCCGACAGTAACCGTACAAACCTTGCCGTT            |      |      |      |      |      |
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| MS11_DEL_10_ | ATAATAGGCAATAAAATAGCGGTTNGAGTGTCCGACAGTAACCGTACAAACCTNGCCGTT             |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1030   | 1040 | 1050 | 1060 | 1070 | 1080 |
|              | 1970   | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2020 |
| WT_10_final  | GCGCTTCAAAGCCCGAATACGGCGGCTTTGCCGGCGGCACTGCGGCCGCGTCTGCCTTT              |      |      |      |      |      |
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| MS11_DEL_10_ | GCGCTTCAAAGCCCGACTANGGCGGCTTTGCNNGCGGCACTGCGGCCGCGTCTGCCTTT              |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1090   | 1100 | 1110 | 1120 | 1130 | 1140 |
|              | 2030   | 2040 | 2050 | 2060 | 2070 | 2080 |
| WT_10_final  | ACGGAAATAACTTTACCCGCCCCCTGCTTCGCCGTCATACATTTCCAAATGCGGACTGTT             |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::         |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | ACGGAAATAACTTTACCCGCCCCCTGCTTCGCCGTCATACATTTCCAAATGCGGACTGTT             |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1150   | 1160 | 1170 | 1180 | 1190 | 1200 |
|              | 2090   | 2100 | 2110 | 2120 | 2130 | 2140 |
| WT_10_final  | TTGACGGATAAGTAATCGTAAACGATATGTCGTATGCCTCCATAATTTGCGAGATTTTCGT            |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::         |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | TTGACGGATAAGTAATCGTAAACGATATGTCGTATGCCTCCATAATTTGCGAGATTTTCGT            |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1210   | 1220 | 1230 | 1240 | 1250 | 1260 |
|              | 2150   | 2160 | 2170 | 2180 | 2190 | 2200 |
| WT_10_final  | CCAAATGCGTGTAAGGAAGTTTTCCCGATGATGTGCCAAACACTATTTGCCATAGAAA               |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::         |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | CCAAATGCGTGTAAGGAAGTTTTCCCGATGATGTGCCAAACACTATTTGCCATAGAAA               |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1270   | 1280 | 1290 | 1300 | 1310 | 1320 |
|              | 2210   | 2220 | 2230 | 2240 | 2250 | 2260 |
| WT_10_final  | ATAACAGGCTGCCGTGTTTTGATTAAGTCTGCCAACCTGCTGCCGTTCTTGACAGTTAC              |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::         |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | ATAACAGGCTGCCGTGTTTTGATTAAGTCTGCCAACCTGCTGCCGTTCTTGACAGTTAC              |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1330   | 1340 | 1350 | 1360 | 1370 | 1380 |
|              | 2270   | 2280 | 2290 | 2300 | 2310 | 2320 |
| WT_10_final  | CCCTGCGGCAAACAGTCCGATGGGTTTCTTTTGTGTACCGGCTTGACGGCTTTTCTC                |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::         |      |      |      |      |      |

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| MS11_DEL_10_ | CCCTGCGGCAAACAGTCCGATGGGTTTCTTTTGTGGTACCGGCTTGGACGGCTTTTCTC    | 1390 | 1400 | 1410 | 1420 | 1430 | 1440 |
| WT_10_final  | ATAGGGATAATTCTGACTTAATTTAAATTTCCCCAGCCATCTGGGACAGCCCCTTCTAAT   | 2330 | 2340 | 2350 | 2360 | 2370 | 2380 |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | ATAGGGATAATTCTGACTTAATTTAAATTTCCCCAGCCATCTGGGACAGCCCCTTCTAAT   | 1450 | 1460 | 1470 | 1480 | 1490 | 1500 |
| WT_10_final  | TTACAAATGCCGTCTGAAACCCCTTTTCAGACGGCATTCTTTTCATCTCAATCCCAACCG   | 2390 | 2400 | 2410 | 2420 | 2430 | 2440 |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | TTACAAATGCCGTCTGAAACCCCTTTTCAGACGGCATTCTTTTCATCTCAATCCCAACCG   | 1510 | 1520 | 1530 | 1540 | 1550 | 1560 |
| WT_10_final  | CTTCACTCTTGCGGTGCAGGCGGTTCAATCTGTTCTTTCCAGCCGCATTCTTTTTGCGGA   | 2450 | 2460 | 2470 | 2480 | 2490 | 2500 |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | CTTCACTCTTGCGGTGCAGGCGGTTCAATCTGTTCTTTCCAGCCGCATTCTTTTTGCGGA   | 1570 | 1580 | 1590 | 1600 | 1610 | 1620 |
| WT_10_final  | CAGACTTTTTCCACGCCCGGCGTTTAGTGTTTTGATGGTCAAGACCGGCCAATGGCAG     | 2510 | 2520 | 2530 | 2540 | 2550 | 2560 |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | CAGACTTTTTCCACGCCCGGCGTTTAGTGTTTTGATGGTCAAGACCGGCCAATGGCAG     | 1630 | 1640 | 1650 | 1660 | 1670 | 1680 |
| WT_10_final  | TTCGGGCATTCTTCGGCAACGGGCGGGTTCCAAGTGGCGTAGTTGCAGTCGGGATAGGTG   | 2570 | 2580 | 2590 | 2600 | 2610 | 2620 |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | TTCGGGCATTCTTCGGCAACGGGCGGGTTCCAAGTGGCGTAGTTGCAGTCGGGATAGGTG   | 1690 | 1700 | 1710 | 1720 | 1730 | 1740 |
| WT_10_final  | CTGCAACTGTAAACAGTTTGCCGTAGCGGGATTGCGCTCGACGAGGTTGCCTTTTTTG     | 2630 | 2640 | 2650 | 2660 | 2670 | 2680 |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | CTGCAACTGTAAACAGTTTGCCGTAGCGGGATTGCGCTCGACGAGGTTGCCTTTTTTG     | 1750 | 1760 | 1770 | 1780 | 1790 | 1800 |
| WT_10_final  | CATTGCGGGCATTGGACGCCGGTATCTTTGGGTTTTTCCAACGGCTCGACGTGTTTGCAT   | 2690 | 2700 | 2710 | 2720 | 2730 | 2740 |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | CATTGCGGGCATTGGACGCCGGTATCTTTGGGTTTTTCCAACGGCTCGACGTGTTTGCAT   | 1810 | 1820 | 1830 | 1840 | 1850 | 1860 |
| WT_10_final  | TTGGGGTAGTTGGCGCAACCGATGAATTTGCTGCCGGTACGGCTGTATTTATACGCTAAC   | 2750 | 2760 | 2770 | 2780 | 2790 | 2800 |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | TTGGGGTAGTTGGCGCAACCGATGAATTTGCTGCCGGTACGGCTGTATTTATACGCTAAC   | 1870 | 1880 | 1890 | 1900 | 1910 | 1920 |
| WT_10_final  | CGACCGCCGCATTTGGGGCATTGCGGTCCGTTCAGTTTCGGCTTGTTTCAGCCTCGGCTTTG | 2810 | 2820 | 2830 | 2840 | 2850 | 2860 |
| MS11_DEL_10_ | CGACCGCCGCATTTGGGGCATTGCGGTCCGTTCAGTTTCGGCTTGTTTCAGCCTCGGCTTTG | 1930 | 1940 | 1950 | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 |





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| MS11_DE1_11_ | GCCCGGAAAAAGGCGGCATCCTCGCCGCGCTTGCTTCCGACCGCCCCGTCCCCGTCCGCT                 | 660  | 670  | 680  | 690  | 700  | 710  |      |
|              |  |      | 730  | 740  | 750  | 760  | 770  | 780  |
| WT_11_Final  | ACATCGGCGTGGGCGAAGGCATAGACGACCTGCGCCCGTTTGACGCGCGCGCGTTTGTGG                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DE1_11_ | ACATCGGCGTGGGCGAAGGCATAGACGACCTGCGCCCGTTTGACGCGCGCGCGTTTGTGG                 | 720  | 730  | 740  | 750  | 760  | 770  |      |
|              |  |      | 790  | 800  | 810  | 820  | 830  | 840  |
| WT_11_Final  | ACGCACTGCTGGATTGAGCCGAAATGCCGTCCGAAAACGGCAGACCGAACCGTCATTCCC                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DE1_11_ | ACGCACTGCTGGATTGAGTCGAAATGCCGTCCGAAAACGGCAGACCGAACCGTCATTCCC                 | 780  | 790  | 800  | 810  | 820  | 830  |      |
|              |  |      | 850  | 860  | 870  | 880  | 890  | 900  |
| WT_11_Final  | ACGGAAGTGGGAATCTAGGACGCGGGGTTTGGGCAACCGTTTTATCCGATAAGTTTCCGT                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DE1_11_ | ACGGAAGTGGGAATCTAGGACGCGGGGTTTGGGCAACCGTTTTATCCGATAAGTTTCCGT                 | 840  | 850  | 860  | 870  | 880  | 890  |      |
|              |  |      | 910  | 920  | 930  | 940  | 950  | 960  |
| WT_11_Final  | GCGGACAGGTCCGGATTCCCGCCTGCGCGGGAATGACGGGTTTCGAGATTGCGGTATTGT                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
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| MS11_DE1_11_ | GCGGACAGGTCCGGATTTCCGCCTGCGCGGGAATGACGGGTTTCGAGATTGCGGTATTGT                 | 900  | 910  | 920  | 930  | 940  | 950  |      |
|              |  |      | 970  | 980  | 990  | 1000 | 1010 | 1020 |
| WT_11_Final  | CGGGAATGACGGTTCGGGTATTTTACTGCGCCCGCCCCGCGCCTGTAAACGGCGGGCGCA                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
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| MS11_DE1_11_ | CGGGAATGACGGTTCGGGTATTTCCCGCGCCCGCCCCGCGCCTGTAAACGGCAGGTGCA                  | 960  | 970  | 980  | 990  | 1000 | 1010 |      |
|              |  |      | 1030 | 1040 | 1050 | 1060 | 1070 | 1080 |
| WT_11_Final  | TCAAAAATGCGTCTGAAGGTTTCAGACGGCATCGGTATCGGGGAATCAGAAGCGGTAGCG                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DE1_11_ | TCAAAAATGCCGTCTGAAGGTTTCAGACGGCATCGGTATCGGGGAATCAGAAGCGGTAGCG                | 1020 | 1030 | 1040 | 1050 | 1060 | 1070 |      |
|              |  |      | 1090 | 1100 | 1110 | 1120 | 1130 | 1140 |
| WT_11_Final  | CACGCCCAACGAGGCTTCGTGGGTTTTGAAGCGGGTGTTTTCCAAGCGTCCCCAATAGTG                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DE1_11_ | A-----   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      | 1150 | 1160 | 1170 | 1180 | 1190 | 1200 |
| WT_11_Final  | GTAGCGGTAGCCGGTGTCCAGGGTCAGCTTGGGCGTGATGTGCGAAACCGACGCCGGCGAT                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DE1_11_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|              |  |      | 1210 | 1220 | 1230 | 1240 | 1250 | 1260 |
| WT_11_Final  | GACACCGAGACCCACGCGGCGGATGCTGTGCGCTTTCGCGATGGGCGCCTGGTGTCCTTAA                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DE1_11_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

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|--------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|
|              | 1270  | 1280 | 1290 | 1300 | 1310 | 1320 |
| WT_11_Final  | TACCTTATAAACCCAGACATTATGCCAGGAGTACTGGTGGTAAGAAGCCCTGTTATTTT   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_11_ | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1330  | 1340 | 1350 | 1360 | 1370 | 1380 |
| WT_11_Final  | TTTAGTCGAATCGATGCTGTGTCTGACGTGTCCGTAGGCGACGCGCGCCGATATAGGG    |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_11_ | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1390  | 1400 | 1410 | 1420 | 1430 | 1440 |
| WT_11_Final  | TTTGAATTTATCGTTGAGTTTGAAGTCGTAAACGGCGGACAAGCCGAGAGAAGAAACGGC  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_11_ | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1450  | 1460 | 1470 | 1480 | 1490 | 1500 |
| WT_11_Final  | GTGGAACGTACCGTTTTCTGATTTTCCGTCTTCCGGTCTGTCCTGTTGCCATTGACCTT   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_11_ | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1510  | 1520 | 1530 | 1540 | 1550 | 1560 |
| WT_11_Final  | GTTTCTAAGCAACTCTTTAATGCTCACGGAATATTTAATGTGTTCACTTTCTGTAACGGG  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_11_ | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1570  | 1580 | 1590 | 1600 | 1610 | 1620 |
| WT_11_Final  | CATAATCTGCCGCTATCCTCCAGCCGCCGAAATTCGTAGCCGACCGACACCCGGGGGTGG  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_11_ | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1630  | 1640 | 1650 | 1660 | 1670 | 1680 |
| WT_11_Final  | ATGGAATGCGTACGGATGTTTCTGAAATAATCGCTAACCGTGCTTATTTTGCCTTTGCTT  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_11_ | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1690  | 1700 | 1710 | 1720 | 1730 | 1740 |
| WT_11_Final  | GGATCGGTTTGTTCGGGATAATCGTGGGTAATGTGTTTCGTAGGCGTAGGCTAAATCCGCC |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_11_ | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1750  | 1760 | 1770 | 1780 | 1790 | 1800 |
| WT_11_Final  | TGCACATACGGGCCGCGCCCATGGTCTTCACCCGCCGCTGCGCTGCGGAAGAGAAGAGA   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_DEL_11_ | -----   |      |      |      |      |      |



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|              | 1810   | 1820 | 1830 | 1840 | 1850 | 1860 |
| WT_11_Final  | AGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGAAGAGGTTTTTTGGGGGCTGGATTCAATTTTCGGCTCCT   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1870   | 1880 | 1890 | 1900 | 1910 | 1920 |
| WT_11_Final  | TATTCGGTTTGACCGGTTAAAAAAGATTTTCACTGATGTTGAAGGGCGGATTATATCGG  |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1930   | 1940 | 1950 | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 |
| WT_11_Final  | GTTCCGGGCGGTGTTTCAACACAATATGGCGGATGAACAAAACCGGTACGTCGTTGCC   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1990   | 2000 | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 |
| WT_11_Final  | CGCCCCGGCCCAAAGGGAACGGTTCCTCAAGGTGATGAAGCACCGGGCGGATCGGTTCCG |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 2050   | 2060 | 2070 | 2080 | 2090 | 2100 |
| WT_11_Final  | TACCATTTGTACTGCCTGCGGCCGCCGCTTGTCCTGATTTTTGTTAATCCGCTATAAA   |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 2110   | 2120 | 2130 | 2140 | 2150 | 2160 |
| WT_11_Final  | GACCGTCGGGCATCTGCAGCCGTCATTCCC GCGCGGGCGGGAGTCCGGACCGCTTGTTG |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | -----  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 2170   | 2180 | 2190 | 2200 | 2210 |      |
| WT_11_Final  | GCAAATGAGGGGGCGGATTGC-GCGCCTGTGAGATAAAAACCGTGTTTAAACGGGTGG-C |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | -CAAATGAGGGGGCGGGATGCCGCGCCTGTGAGATAAAAACCGTGTTTAAACGGTGGG   |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1080   | 1090 | 1100 | 1110 | 1120 | 1130 |
| WT_11_Final  | 2220 2230 2240 2250 2260 2270                                |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | AATGAGGCACATGCAGGGCCTTGAAGCGCAATCGATATATTATTTCCACCGGAACGGACG |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1140   | 1150 | 1160 | 1170 | 1180 | 1190 |
| WT_11_Final  | 2280 2290 2300 2310 2320 2330                                |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | ACCCCGCCCGCCTTGCAAACCCTTAAAGACAAGCCGCCCGGGTTGATCCGGGCGGCCGT  |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1200   | 1210 | 1220 | 1230 | 1240 | 1250 |
| WT_11_Final  | 2340 2350 2360 2370 2380 2390                                |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | GGAAAATCACTTACCGTTTGATTTATTTGAAATTTAAGGCCTAATTTGCCTCAGCTGGCA |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1260   | 1270 | 1280 | 1290 | 1300 | 1310 |

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|              | 2400   | 2410 | 2420 | 2430 | 2440 | 2450 |
| WT_11_Final  | TCAAAGTTATCGCGGCAGGTTGACGGCAGGTGCTTGGTGTTGATTTTTTCGTTGTCGTTG                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | TCAAAGTTATCGCGGCAGGTTGACGGCAGGTGCTTGGTGTTGATTTTTTCGTTGTCGTTG                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1320   | 1330 | 1340 | 1350 | 1360 | 1370 |
|              | 2460   | 2470 | 2480 | 2490 | 2500 | 2510 |
| WT_11_Final  | CCGGCTTTGGTGACGTCGTCGGCTTTGCCGGCGTTGCCGGCGCCGCGCGTAACCGGCTGT                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | CCGGCTTTGGTGACGTCGTCGGCTTTGCCGGCGTTGCCGGCGCCGCGCGTAACCGGCTGT                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1380   | 1390 | 1400 | 1410 | 1420 | 1430 |
|              | 2520   | 2530 | 2540 | 2550 | 2560 | 2570 |
| WT_11_Final  | CCGCAGAACCATTTTACCGAACCGTCTTGACGCTTGCCCCACAGGGAGAGTCTTTTGCCT                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: :::: :: |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | CCGCAGAACCATTTTACCGAACCGTCTTGACGCTTGCCCCACAGGGAGAGTTTTTTGTCT                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1440   | 1450 | 1460 | 1470 | 1480 | 1490 |
|              | 2580   | 2590 | 2600 | 2610 | 2620 | 2630 |
| WT_11_Final  | TGGATTTCTTTGTTTACGCCGGTTGAAGCCATTTTCGGCGGTAACGACGCCGTTTGCACC                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | : :: :::: ::             |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | TTGATTTCTTTGTTTACGCCGGTTGAAGCCATTTTCGGCGGTAACGACGCCGTTTGCAGCT                    |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1500   | 1510 | 1520 | 1530 | 1540 | 1550 |
|              | 2640   | 2650 | 2660 | 2670 | 2680 | 2690 |
| WT_11_Final  | GTAACGCTTTGAACATATTTGCCTTTGATGTGCGTGGGGGAGGATGCCACGCCGGCAGAA                     |      |      |      |      |      |
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| MS11_Del_11_ | TCAACTTTCTGAACATATTTGCCTTTGATTTTGTGCGCGGGGGATGCCACGCCGGCAGAA                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1560   | 1570 | 1580 | 1590 | 1600 | 1610 |
|              | 2700   | 2710 | 2720 | 2730 | 2740 | 2750 |
| WT_11_Final  | GTGTTGTCTTCCGGCCATTTCGCCGTGATTACAGTAATACTCGGTACGGCTGATTTTTGA                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :::::: :: ::::::::::             |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | GTGTTGTTTTCCGGCCATTTCGCCGTGATTACAGTAATACTCGGTAACGGCTGATTTTTGA                    |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1620   | 1630 | 1640 | 1650 | 1660 | 1670 |
|              | 2760   | 2770 | 2780 | 2790 | 2800 | 2810 |
| WT_11_Final  | CCTTCGGCCAAAAGGATGGCTTCGGAAACTTGCGCGCGGGCGGTGTAGTCTTGGTAGGCG                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::         |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | CCTTCGGCCAAAAGGATGGCTTCGGAAACTTGCGCGCGGGCGGTGTAGTCTTGGTAGGCG                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1680   | 1690 | 1700 | 1710 | 1720 | 1730 |
|              | 2820   | 2830 | 2840 | 2850 | 2860 | 2870 |
| WT_11_Final  | GGAAGGGCGACTGCCGCCAAAATGCCGACGATAGCGATCACAATCATCAGCTCGATAAGG                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | ::         |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | GGAAGGGCGACTGCCGCCAAAATGCCGACGATAGCGATCACAATCATCAGCTCGATAAGG                     |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1740   | 1750 | 1760 | 1770 | 1780 | 1790 |
|              | 2880   | 2890 | 2900 | 2910 | 2920 | 2930 |
| WT_11_Final  | GTAAAGCCTTTTTGAAGGGTATTTCATAAAATTACTCCTAATGAAAGGGGAAATCCTCTGG                    |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | :: ::::            |      |      |      |      |      |
| MS11_Del_11_ | GTAAAGCCTTTTTGAAGGGTATTTCATAAAATTACTCCTAATGAAAGGGGAAATCTCATGG                    |      |      |      |      |      |
|              | 1800   | 1810 | 1820 | 1830 | 1840 | 1850 |

|              |                             |      |      |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------|------|
|              | 2940                        | 2950 | 2960 |
| WT_11_Final  | CTACGCCTCGCTATGATGCGGNNN--T |      |      |
|              | : : : : : :                 | :    | :    |
| MS11_DE1_11_ | CTACGCATAG-TATCAAACGTAAANVT |      |      |
|              | 1860                        | 1870 | 1880 |

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